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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Conville Zone,
Reservoir C; and Brown-Ozley Sand; BEAR CREEK
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Conville Zone, Reservoir C; and to the Brown-Ozley Sand; all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for L HOSS A RA SUI, CON RC SUB and for BR-OZ SUC, at the location shown on the attached plats, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991 (applicable to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A), Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-16, effective October 31, 2006 (applicable to the Conville Zone, Reservoir C) and of the Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D series of Orders (applicable to the Brown-Ozley Sand).
2. To find that drilling, designation and use of the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, underlying L HOSS A RA SUI, a portion of the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, underlying CON RC SUB, and a portion of the Brown-Ozley Sand underlying BR-OZ SUC, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
3. To permit the Operator of L HOSS A RA SUI, CON RC SUB and BR-OZ SUC to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, from the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, and was redefined as to L HOSS A RA SUI in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA-17, effective February 26, 2009.

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The Conville Zone, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-16, effective October 31, 2006.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

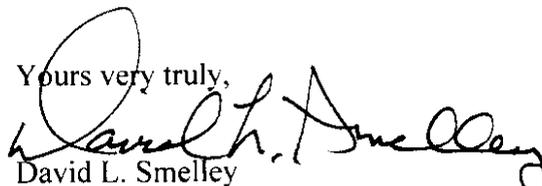
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the three (3) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

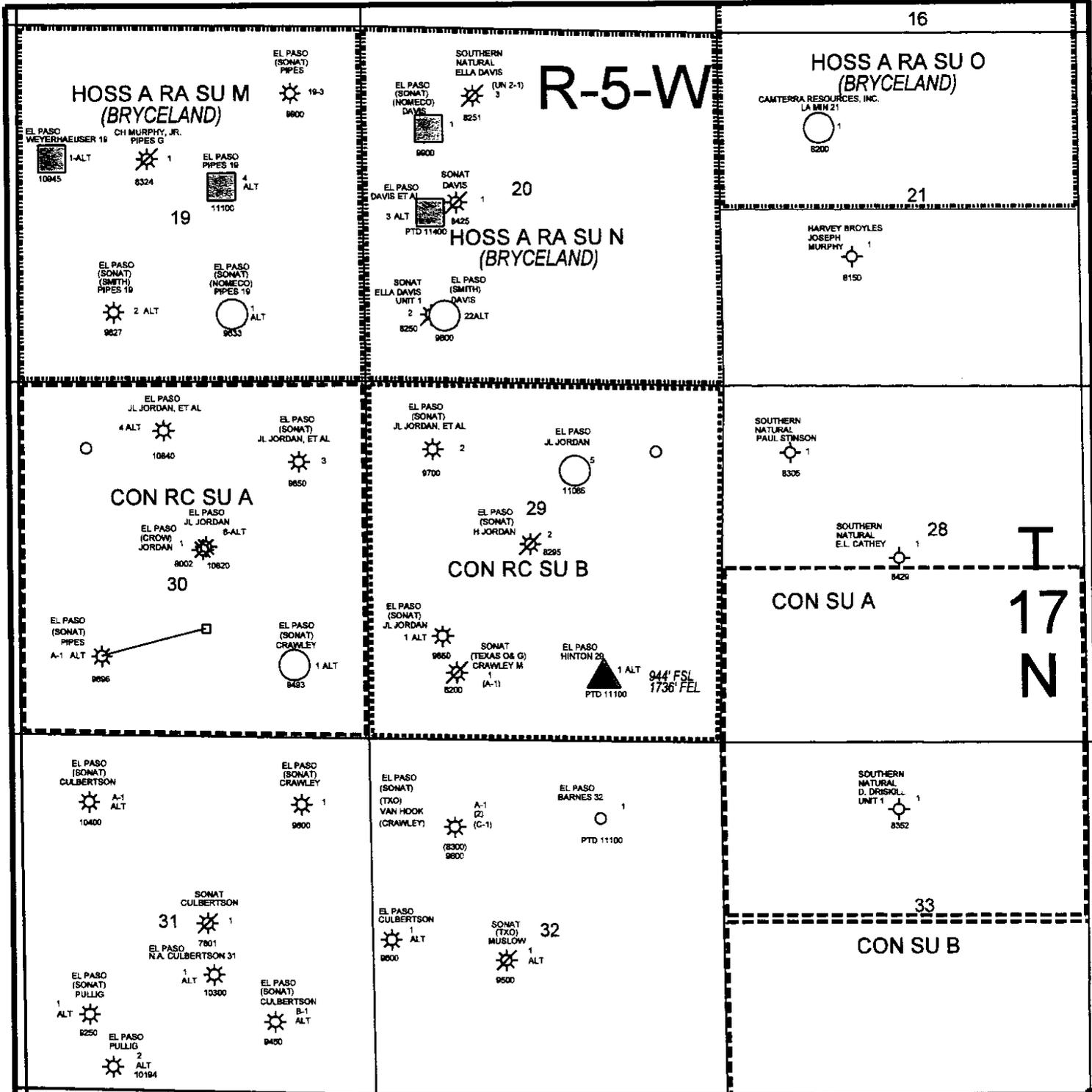


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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Ms. Sheridan Jones (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



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- CONVILLE UNITS, AS PER 78-L SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ▲ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 7000' REMOVED FROM BASE

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT CON RC SU B

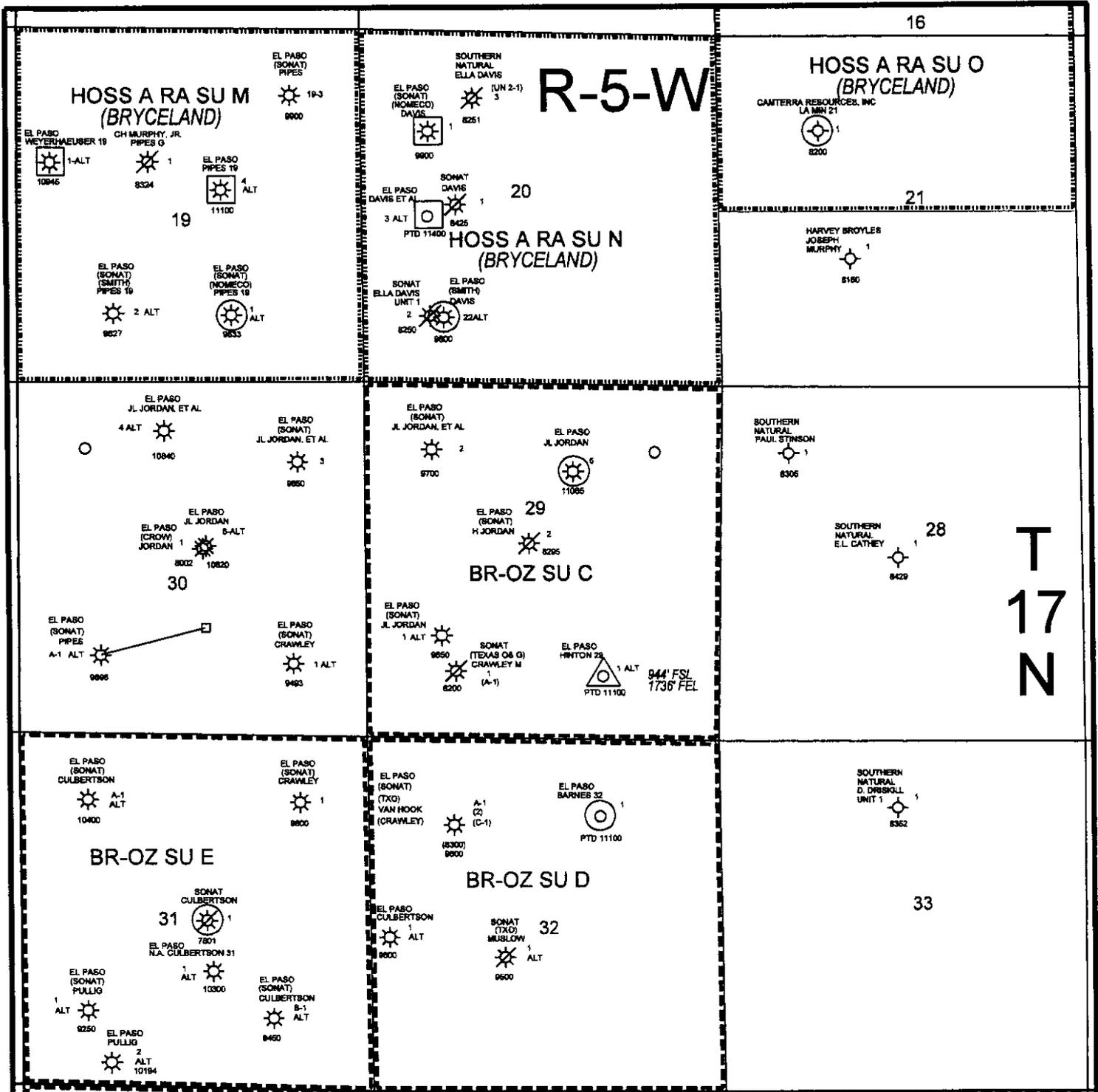


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- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

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BEAR CREEK FIELD BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT BR-OZ SU C



DATE: _____ LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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