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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HICO-
KNOWLES FIELD, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated LCV RA SUK and LCV RA SUL.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
4. To redefine the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, insofar and only insofar, as to the additional units proposed herein, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 8,580 feet and 11,320 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Chevron USA, Inc.--F H Callaway No. 1 Well, located in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 4 West, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 137-AA, effective September 1, 1979, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 137-AA series of Orders, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the additional units proposed herein.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to these proposals.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Hico-Knowles Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 137-AA, effective September 1, 1979.

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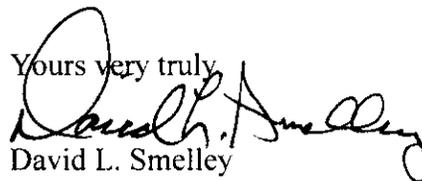
Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Craig C. Barclay, 522 Dumbarton, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Barclay at (318) 869-2223 during normal business hours in order to arrange a 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.

By letter dated November 21, 2008, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set December 11, 2008, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised 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 the unit plat showing the units proposed to be created (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, 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 Hico-Knowles Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Ms. Cheryl Srickland (w/encls.)
Mr. Craig C. Barclay (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

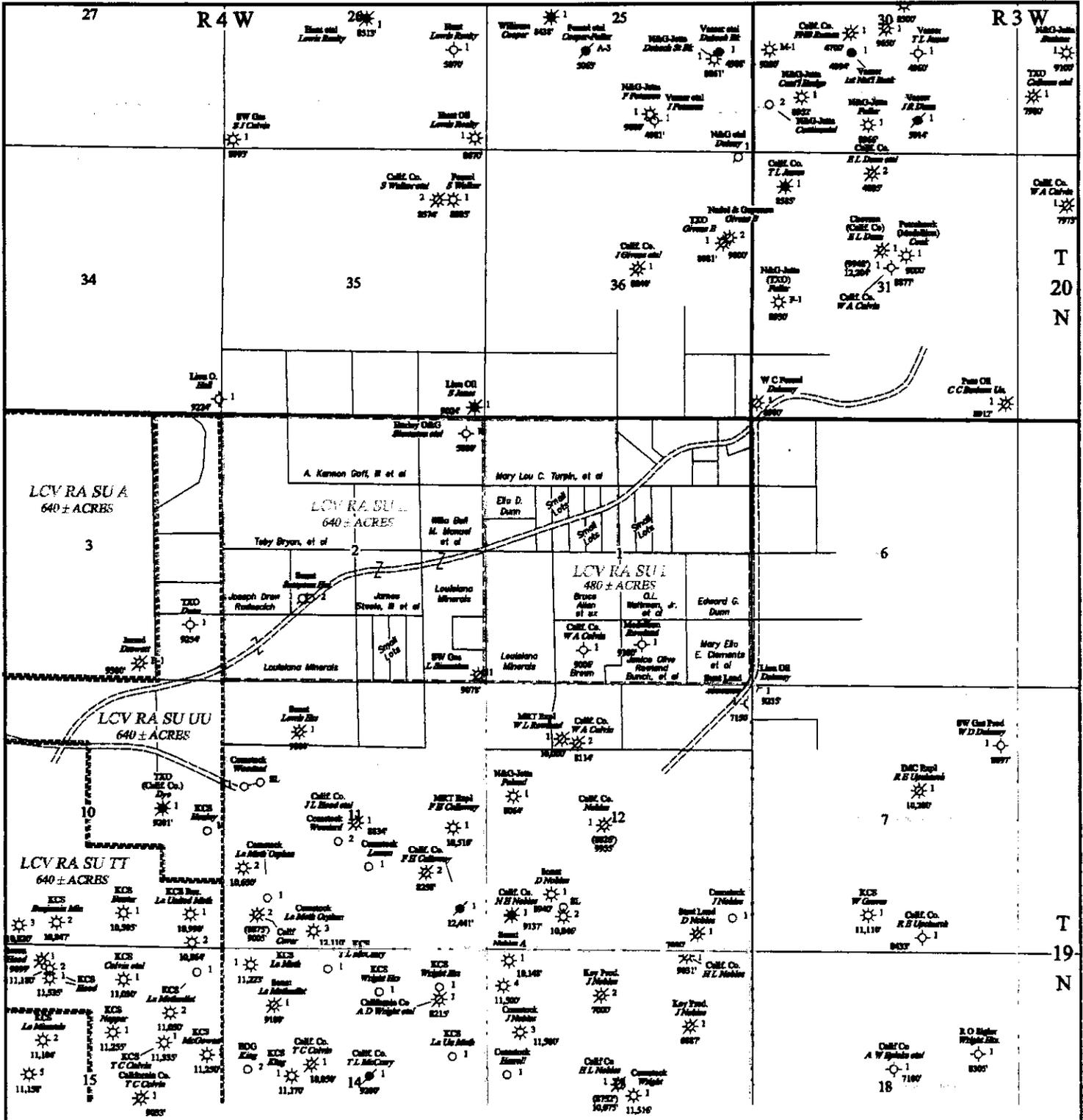


EXHIBIT No. 1

DOCKET NO. 06-



CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY INC.

HICO-KNOWLES FIELD
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

PROPOSED LOWER COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS

:PROPOSED HICO KNOWLES SAND UNITS

 :EXISTING HICO KNOWLES SAND UNITS

:EXISTING TERRYVILLE SAND UNITS



GRAPHIC SCALE