

December 14, 2009

Ref: 4880-28278

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
8,000' Zone, Reservoir F  
Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A  
**PINE PRAIRIE FIELD**  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Midstates Petroleum Co., LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Midstates Petroleum Co., LLC for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir F and Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A, in the Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

**8,000' Zone, Reservoir F**

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create three (3) additional drilling and production units for the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir F, designated as the 8000' RF SUC of approximately 45 acres, the 8000' RF SUD of approximately 45 acres and the 8000' RF SUE of approximately 40 acres, Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said units;
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit wells for the units created herein;
4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 8,000' Zone, Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 32-P, effective January 8, 2008.

**Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A**

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create three (3) additional drilling and production units for the Upper Wilcox Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the U WX RA SUJ of approximately 45 acres, the U WX RA SUK of approximately 45 acres and the U WX RA SUL of approximately 40 acres, Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said units;
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit wells for the units created herein;

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4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Upper Wilcox Sand, Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 32-K, effective November 25, 1980.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated December 3, 2009 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the 8000' RF SUC, SUD and SUE and the U WX RA SUJ, SUK and SUL, Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James Hardwick & Associates, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, LA 70598 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties



