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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.

Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, BETHANY-
LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto 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 Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) horizontal wells as alternate unit wells on each of the units designated HA RB SUAA, HA RB SUBB, HA RB SUCC, HA RB SUNN, HA RB SUOO, HA RB SUPP, HA RB SURR, HA RB SUSS, HA RB SUTT, HA RB SUWW and HA RB SUXX, all at the locations shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the operator of each of these units to produce the allowable assigned to a unit from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any 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 Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R-1, effective April 29, 2008, was redefined as to HA RB SUAA and HA RB SUBB by Order No. 289-R-19, effective October 21, 2008, was redefined as to HA RB SUCC by Order No. 289-R-20, effective October 21, 2008, and was redefined as to HA RB SUNN, HA RB SUOO, HA RB SUPP, HA RB SURR, HA RB SUSS, HA RB SUTT, HA RB SUWW and HA RB SUXX by Order No. 289-R-30, effective June 2, 2009.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing 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 Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

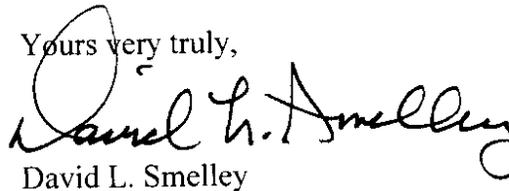
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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 attached plat, 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 as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and 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 Bethany-Longstreet 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,

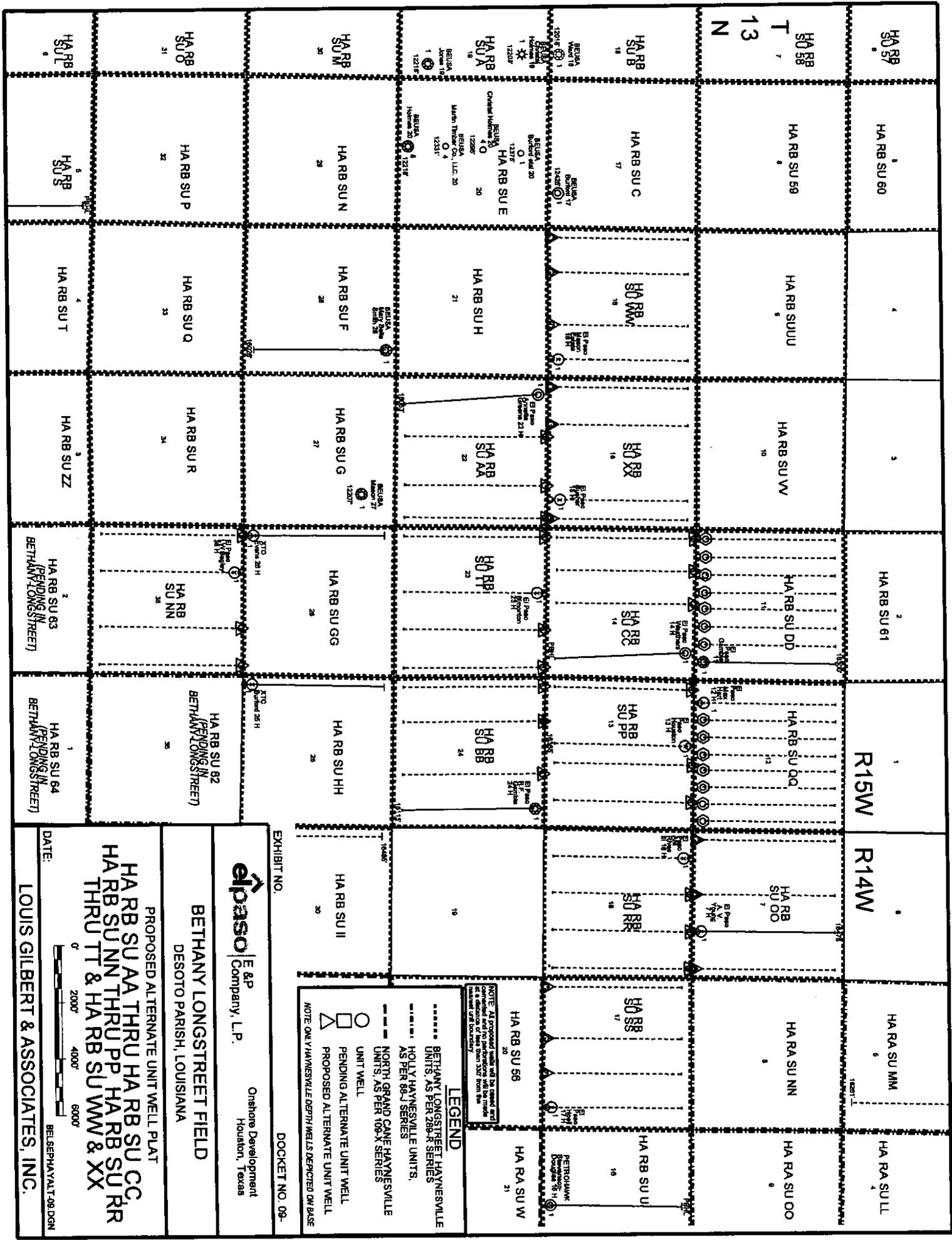


David L. Smelley

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Don Young (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat)



LEGEND

- BETHANY LONGSTREET HAYNESVILLE UNITS, AS PER 288-R SERIES
- - - - HOLLY HAYNESVILLE UNITS, AS PER 86-U SERIES
- - - - NORTH GRAND CANE HAYNESVILLE UNITS, AS PER 109-X SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- PENDING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

NOTE: ONE VIANEVILLE DEPTH WELLS DERIVED ON BASE

NOTE: All proposed wells will be cased and completed and no perforations will be made in a distance of less than 300' from the well to the boundary.

EXHIBIT NO. **DOCKET NO. 09-**

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Company, L.P. Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

BETHANY LONGSTREET FIELD
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HA RB SU AA THRU HA RB SU CC,
HA RB SU NN THRU PP, HA RB SU RR
THRU TT & HA RB SU WW & XX



DATE: _____
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