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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Office of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A  
Red River-Bull Bayou Field  
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Dear Sir:

Petrohawk Operating Company hereby makes application pursuant to the revised rules of procedure for a public hearing to consider evidence relating to the following matters pertaining to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Red River-Bull Bayou Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Red River-Bull Bayou Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, to be designated HA RA SU53, as shown outlined on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate a unit well and unit operator, as appropriate;
4. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed unit, where the horizontal lateral portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or any offset well will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus;
5. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 109-X, effective June 25, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 109-X Series of Orders, specifically Order No. 109-X-2, effective August 19, 2008, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed unit; and

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6. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Red River-Bull Bayou Field, DeSoto and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 109-X, effective June 25, 2008.

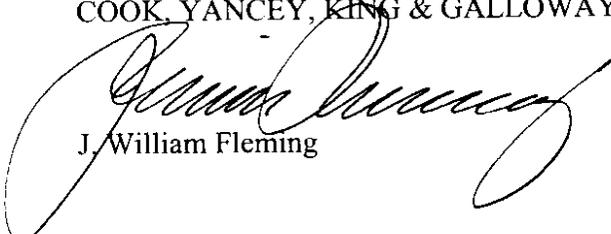
Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Craig Barclay, 522 Dumbarton Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106, at telephone number (318) 869-2223.

A pre-application conference with respect to this matter was held on January 8, 2009. The attendees of the conference are identified on the list attached hereto. Bill Fleming and Craig Barclay on behalf of Petrohawk Operating Company explained the Applicant's proposal. Questions were asked and answered. There was no opposition expressed to the proposed unitization, although questions were raised by the representatives of AEP/Swepeco, et al, who were present. It appears they will participate in the hearing.

The list of parties attached to the copies of this application being sent to the Office of Conservation includes the names of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties known to Applicant after a diligent search. A copy of this application, with plat attached, is being sent to each such party. Pursuant to Office of Conservation regulations, the list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any person requesting a copy of it. Enclosed with the copy of this application being sent to the Commissioner is a check for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

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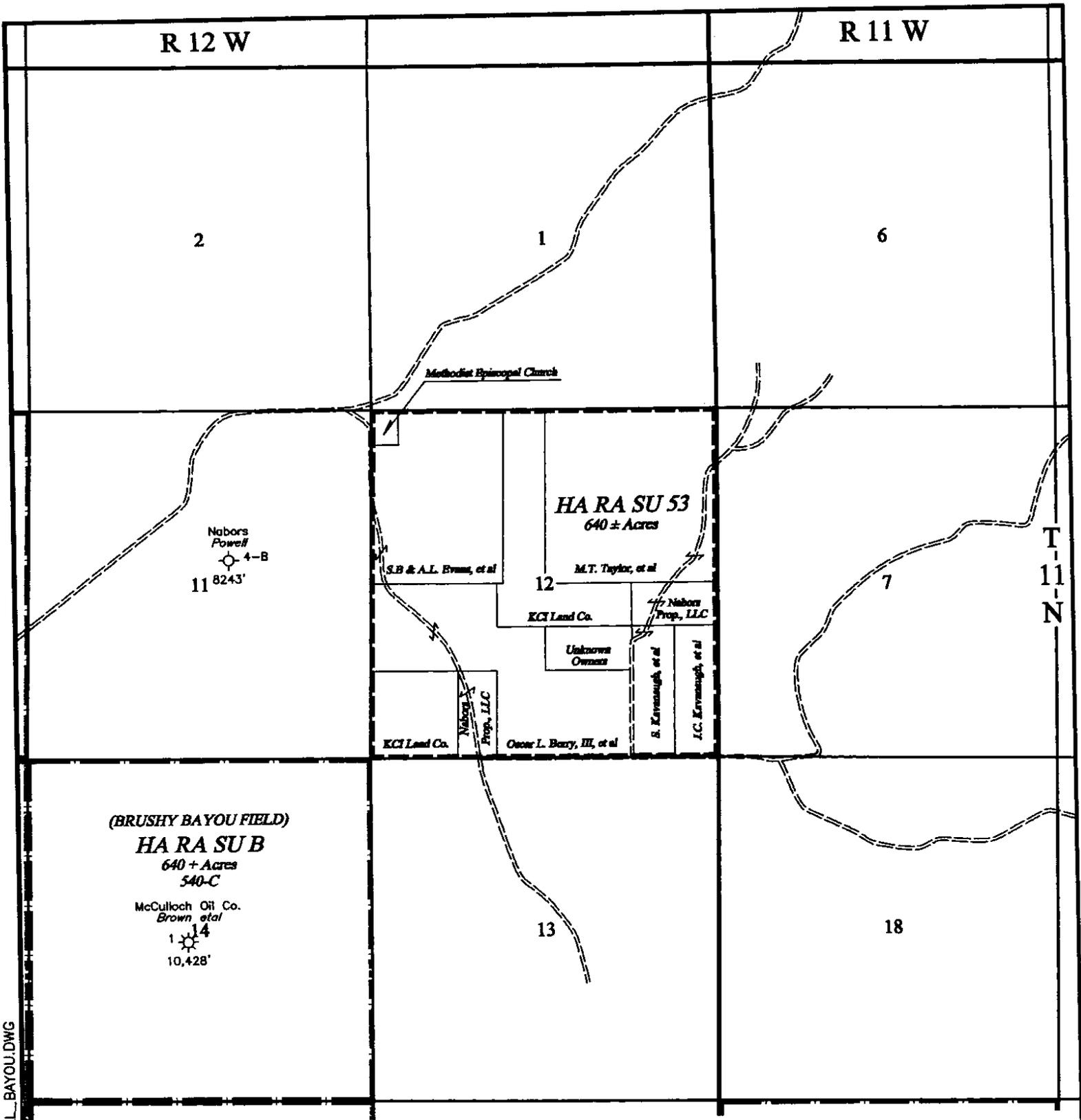


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Enclosures

cc: James C. Broussard, District Manager  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties  
Attendees at Pre-Application Conference  
Mr. Craig Barclay  
Mr. Aaron Latham



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EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 09-

**PETROHAWK OPERATING COMPANY**  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**RED RIVER - BULL BAYOU FIELD**  
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

**PROPOSED HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT 53**

- : PROPOSED HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT 53
- : EXISTING HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS



NOTE: SHALLOW WELLS NOT SHOWN