

March 11, 2010

Ref: 2234-24472

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

Re: Hearing Application
M₀ Sand, Reservoir D
WEEKS ISLAND FIELD
Iberia Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource &
Exploration, L.L.C.

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 **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, 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 M₀ Sand, Reservoir D in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 5.3 acres for the M₀ Sand, Reservoir D designated as the M₀ RD SUA, Weeks Island Field, Iberia 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 unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit well for the unit created herein;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The M₀ Sand, Reservoir D in the Weeks Island Field is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the depths of 11,835 feet and 11,938 feet (electrical log measurements) (11740' and 11843' VD) in the Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-Smith State Unit C-11 No. ST2 Well, located in Section 18, Township 14 South, Range 7 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 11, 2010. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Travis Helms of James Hardwick & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the M₀ Sand, Reservoir D, Weeks Island Field, Iberia 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 F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc., P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, La 70598-0972 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, 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 D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

