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January 3, 2011

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

Re: Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A
Lower Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A
Bear Field
Beauregard Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **Midstates Petroleum Company, 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 Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A and Lower Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A, in Bear Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A and the Lower Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A in the Bear Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create two (2) drilling and production units for the Wilcox Zone Reservoir A and two (2) drilling and production units for the Lower Wilcox Zone, Reservoir, A said proposed units designated Wx RA SUA, Wx RA SUB, LWx RA SUA and LWx RA SUB as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. 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;
4. To designate Midstates Petroleum Company, LLC, as operator of the proposed LWx RA SUA and Wx RA SUA and to designate their Barrow 20 No. 1 Well as the unit well;
5. To authorize the combination of downhole production from the Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A and Lower Wilcox Zone Reservoir A, at the operator's discretion, in the wellbore of any existing or future wells located on the proposed units in which the ownership interests in the units are identical;
6. To provide that any wells drilled to the above mentioned zones, within or outside of the proposed units, should be located according to the spacing provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901, et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E);

7. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoirs by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoirs change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Wilcox Zone RA and the Lower Wilcox RA.

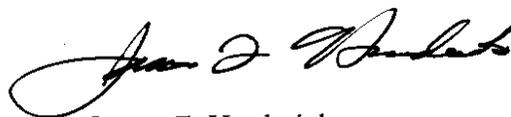
The Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A and the Lower Wilcox Zone, Reservoir A in the Bear Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, are hereby defined as being the oil and gas bearing zones encountered between the electric log measured depths of 11,136 feet to 12,930 feet and from 12,930 feet to 15,090 feet, respectively, in the Midstates Petroleum Company, LLC - F. A. Barrow 20 No. 1 Well located in Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from James F. Hardwick & Associates, 1101 S. Hugh Wallis Road, Suite 101, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone Number (337) 232-7756.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was offered but no request for such conference was received. Therefore the pre-application conference tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2011 **WILL NOT BE HELD**. Opposition is not expected at the hearing to be scheduled in this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the applicant's proposals, along with a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this pre-application notice is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plats (being the same plats attached to the pre-application notice dated December 24, 2010) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plats and/ or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. Finally, enclosed is a check on behalf of the applicant, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

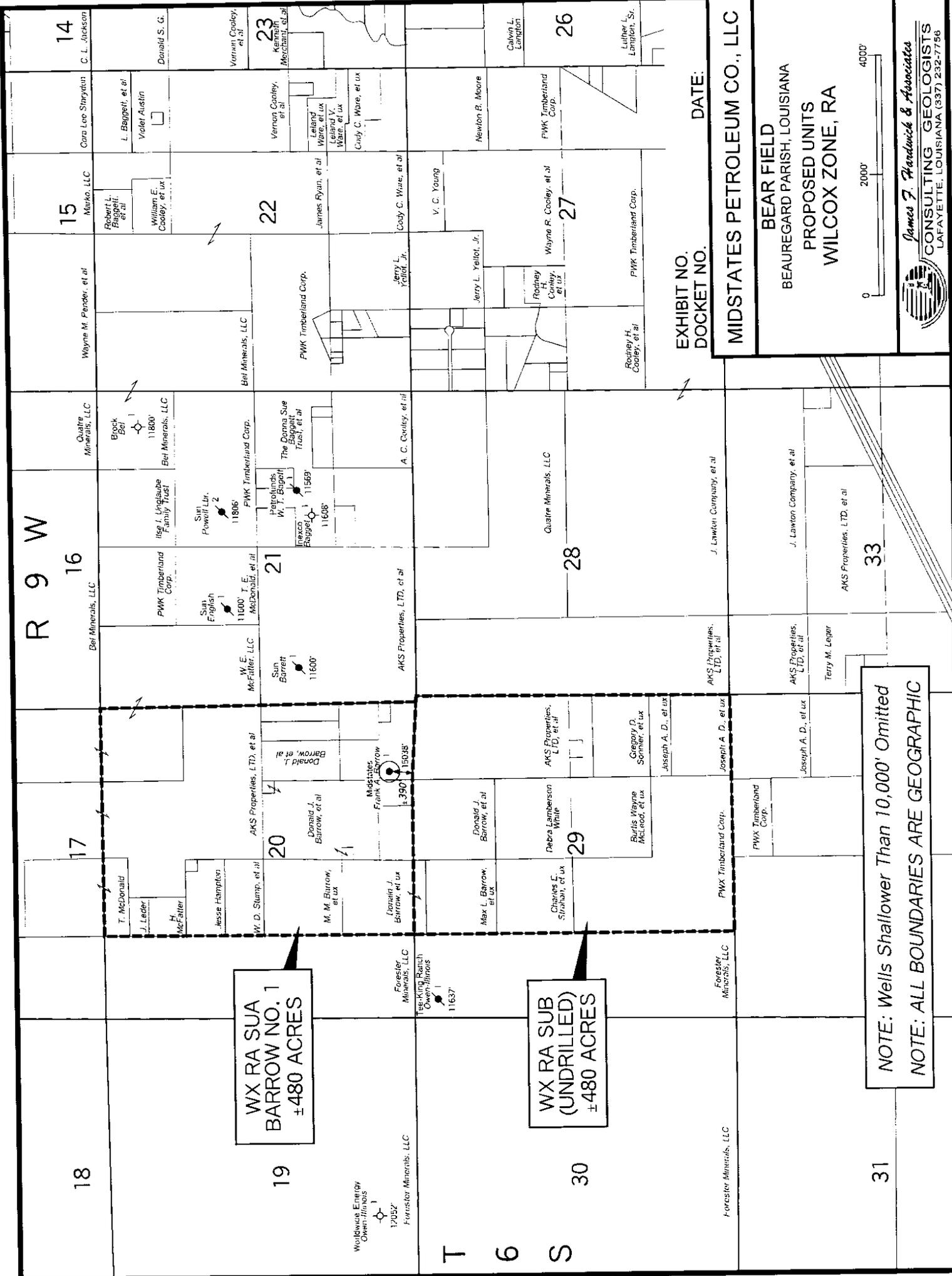


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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties



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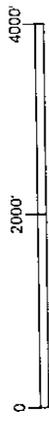
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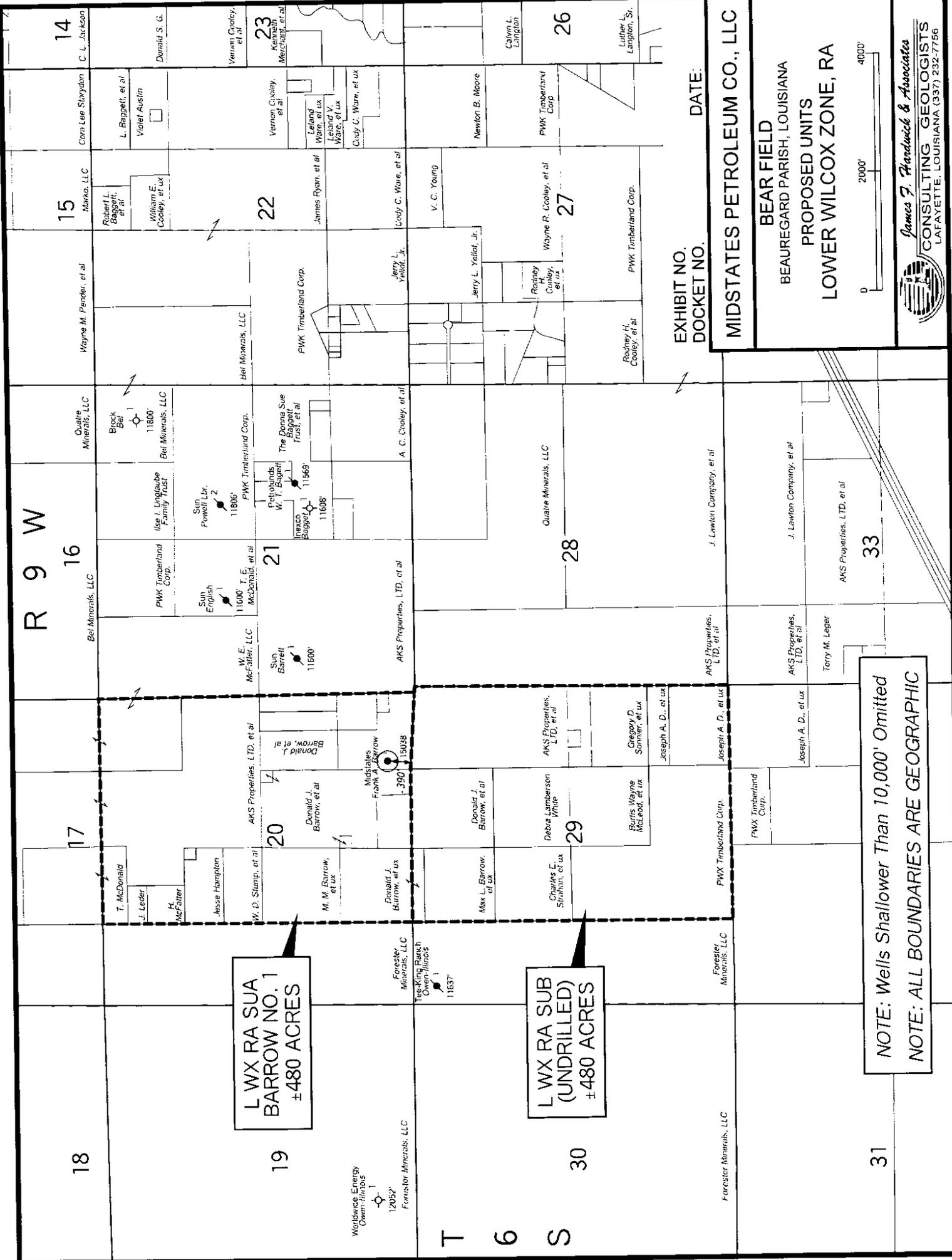
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