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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, 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 an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To confirm Applicant's S. F. Talbert 30H No. 1 Well, located at the as drilled location shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for HA RA SU59, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R, effective April 1, 2008.
- 2. To explicitly find that designation and use of the S. F. Talbert 30H No. 1 Well as the unit well for HA RA SU59 is in the interest of conservation and will prevent waste and the drilling of an unnecessary well.
  - 3. To confirm Applicant as Operator of HA RA SU59.
- 4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R, effective April 1, 2008, and was redefined as to HA RA SU59 in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R-41, effective August 18, 2009.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504)

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834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at 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 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.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is

enclosed.

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DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Joshua Grisham (w/encls.)

Mr. Barry Lloyd (w/encls.)

Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

