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Honorable James H. Welsh
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State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, MADDEN BRANCH
FIELD, Red River Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("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 Madden Branch Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated HA RA SUG through HA RA SUI.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within these proposed units 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 operator of, and a unit well for, each of the proposed units as may be appropriate.
4. To provide that with respect to any horizontal well drilled to the Haynesville Zone within the proposed units, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, the distance to any unit boundary or 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 of the well in the Haynesville Zone.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1529, effective March 16, 2010, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 1529-A series of Orders, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Madden Branch Field, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1529, effective March 16, 2010.

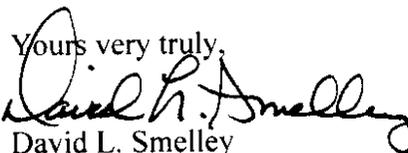
Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 21010 Vermont Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 686-2355 during normal business hours in order to arrange a 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.

By letter dated January 26, 2011, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference to discuss the proposals was tentatively scheduled for February 18, 2011. While one conference request was received, it was subsequently withdrawn; therefore the pre-application conference will not be held.

Pursuant to the Revised 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 the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and 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 of 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 Madden Branch 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.

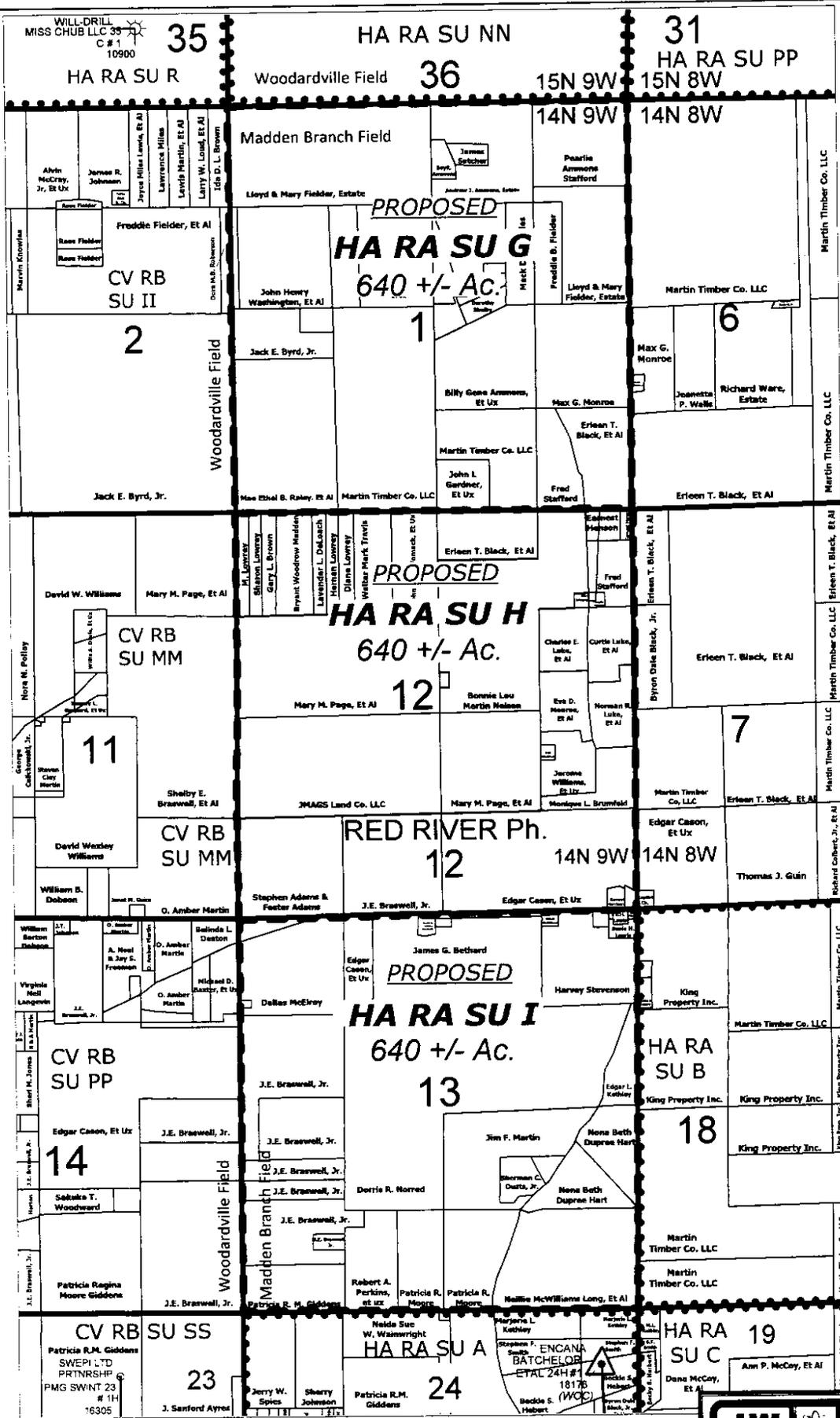
Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


--- David L. Smelley
Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

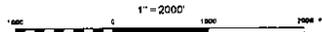
cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Michael Baca (w/encls.)
Ms. Patty DuBois (w/encls.)
Ms. Brenda Reed (w/encls.)
Ms. Tanya Allen (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



LEGEND

- Existing Haynesville Unit
-  Haynesville Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 12,000'

NOTE: No well will be perforated less than 330' from any unit boundary. All proposed wells will be cased and cemented across the Haynesville Zone.



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MADDEN BRANCH FIELD
 Red River Ph., La.
 UNIT PLAT - HAYNESVILLE ZONE

DATE:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	Scale: 1"=2000'	10-77