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Honorable James H. Welsh  
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State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Sligo Formation, Reservoir A, BEAR CREEK  
FIELD, Bienville 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 Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Sligo Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize its N. A. Culbertson 31 No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for SLI RA SD, said well being located as shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that designation and use of the N. A. Culbertson 31 No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for SLI RA SUD is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Sligo Formation, Reservoir A, underlying SLI RA SUD which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-75, effective December 12, 2006, which approved the downhole combination of production from the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and a portion of the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the identical units HOSS B RA SUQ and HOSS C RA SUP, so as to include production from the Sligo Formation, Reservoir A, underlying SLI RA SUD, in any well in which the ownership interests in the units from which production is combined downhole are identical.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Sligo Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-X, effective December 1, 1979.

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Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana 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 each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties 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 Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed 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.

Yours very truly,



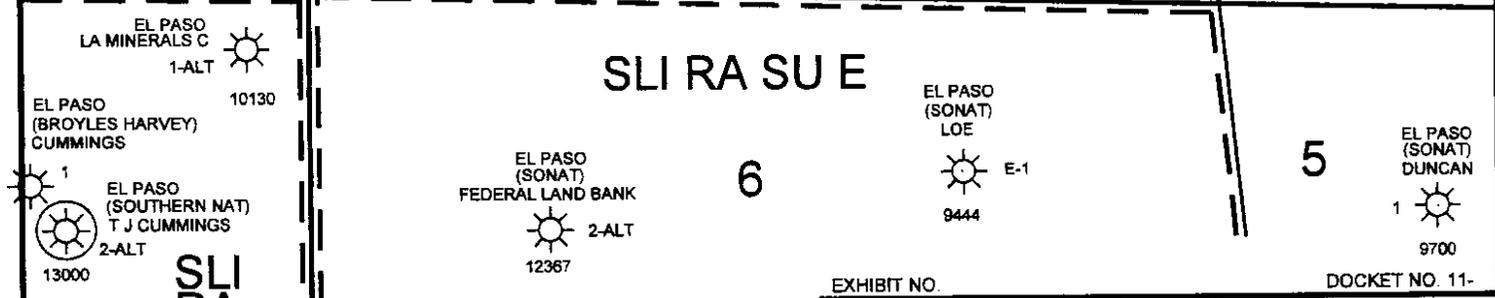
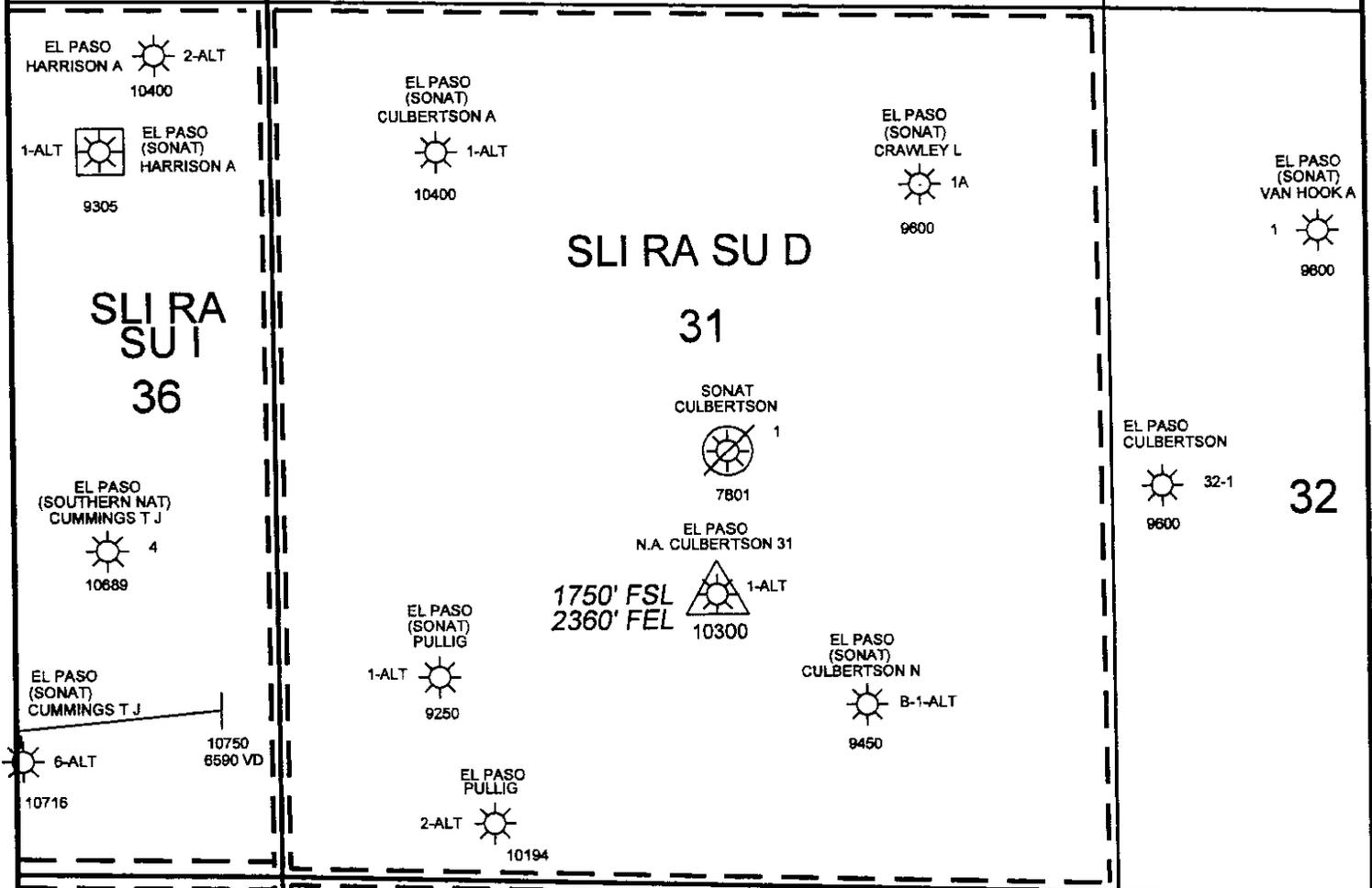
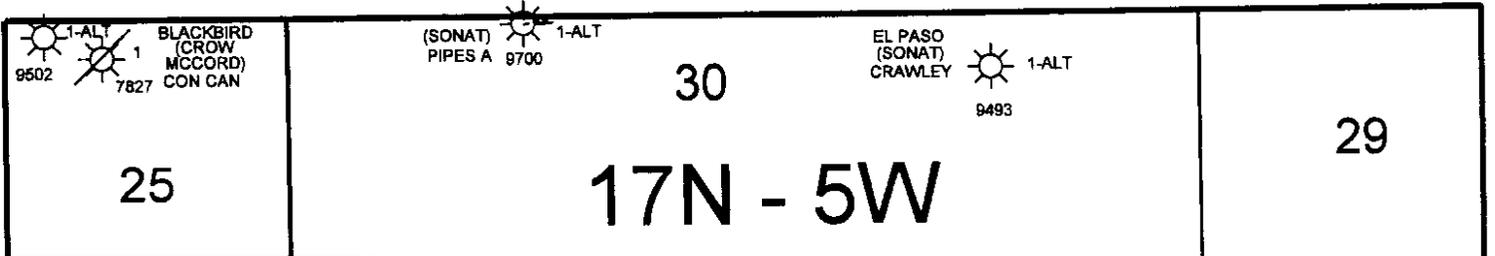
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-- Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)  
Ms. Mary DiBenedetto (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



**SLIGO FORMATION, RESERVOIR A UNITS, AS PER 78-X SERIES OF ORDERS**  
 ○ UNIT WELL  
 □ ALTERNATE UNIT WELL  
 △ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

**WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE**

EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. 11-\_\_\_\_\_  
**el paso** E & P Company, L.P. Onshore Development Houston, Texas  
**EL PASO**  
**BEAR CREEK FIELD**  
 BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA  
 PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT  
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**LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**