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Mr. Felix J. Boudreaux, Commissioner
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RE: Hearing Application
Wilcox Reservoir "D"
Hickory Valley Field
Winn Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Boudreaux:

On behalf of John O. Clay Exploration, Inc., an application is made hereby for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the following matters relating to the Wilcox Formation, Reservoir "D," in the Hickory Valley Field, Winn Parish, Louisiana:

(1) To establish rules and regulations and create three (3) drilling and production units for the Wilcox Sand, Reservoir "D," in the Hickory Valley Field, Winn Parish, Louisiana, to be designated as WX RD SU A through SU C, inclusive, the boundaries and location of such units being shown on the plat attached to and made a part of this application;

(2) To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units, with the production from the unit well on each unit to be allocated to the tracts within such unit on the basis of the surface acreage contained in each such tract;

(3) To provide that future wells drilled to the Wilcox Sand, Reservoir "D," in the Hickory Valley Field, whether located within or outside of the units

created hereby, shall be located no closer than 200 feet from any unit boundary and no closer than 900 feet from any other well drilling to, completed in or permitted for the Wilcox Sand, Reservoir "D"; and

(4) To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Wilcox Sand, Reservoir "D," is hereby defined as that certain gas bearing sand strata encountered between the depths of 1880 feet and 1903 feet by electric log measurement in the Trident Oil & Gas Company, Louisiana Pacific C No. 2 Well located in the center of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Winn Parish, Louisiana.

By pre-application notice dated April 16, 2002, the applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the Shreveport District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of the applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. In response to this notice, the applicant was notified by Weyerhaeuser Company, the successor in ownership to Willamette Industries, Inc., of its opposition to the creation of Sand Units E and F as proposed by the applicant in its pre-application notice. Accordingly, a pre-hearing conference in this matter was held on May 8, 2002, and was attended by David T. Frazier and D. R. Sartor, Jr., on behalf of the applicant, by George Barron on behalf of Octagon Resources Corporation and by Edward B. Poitevent, II, on behalf of Weyerhaeuser Company, who participated by telephone conference call.

At the conference, the applicant announced that since the preparation of the pre-application notice of April 16, 2002, it had drilled as a dry hole its Louisiana Pacific/Hardtner No. 4 Well in the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Winn Parish, LA, on what had been its proposed Sand Unit B, and that as a result of the drilling of this well, it is eliminating its proposed Sand Unit A and Sand Unit B (the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 16) from this application, with the remaining proposed units redesignated accordingly, as shown on the revised plat attached to this application. Also, as a result of the discussion at the pre-hearing conference, the applicant agreed with Weyerhaeuser Company to delete its proposed Sand Unit F consisting of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, from the application, but the

applicant declined to modify or to eliminate its proposed Sand Unit E consisting of the East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 17 and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, from the application. It has been redesignated as Sand Unit C on the revised plat attached hereto.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as defined in the Commission's Rules of Procedure, is attached hereto. A copy of this application with the revised plat of the units as proposed by the applicant is being sent to each of such parties. As required by the Commission's Rules of Procedure, we hereby certify that a reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all persons to whom this notice is required to be sent under these rules.

This application is being filed in duplicate and a copy thereof is being sent to the Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation, and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list. A check in the amount of $700.00 covering the required application fee for the requested hearing is enclosed with the original of this application.

Yours very truly,

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Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties named in attached list

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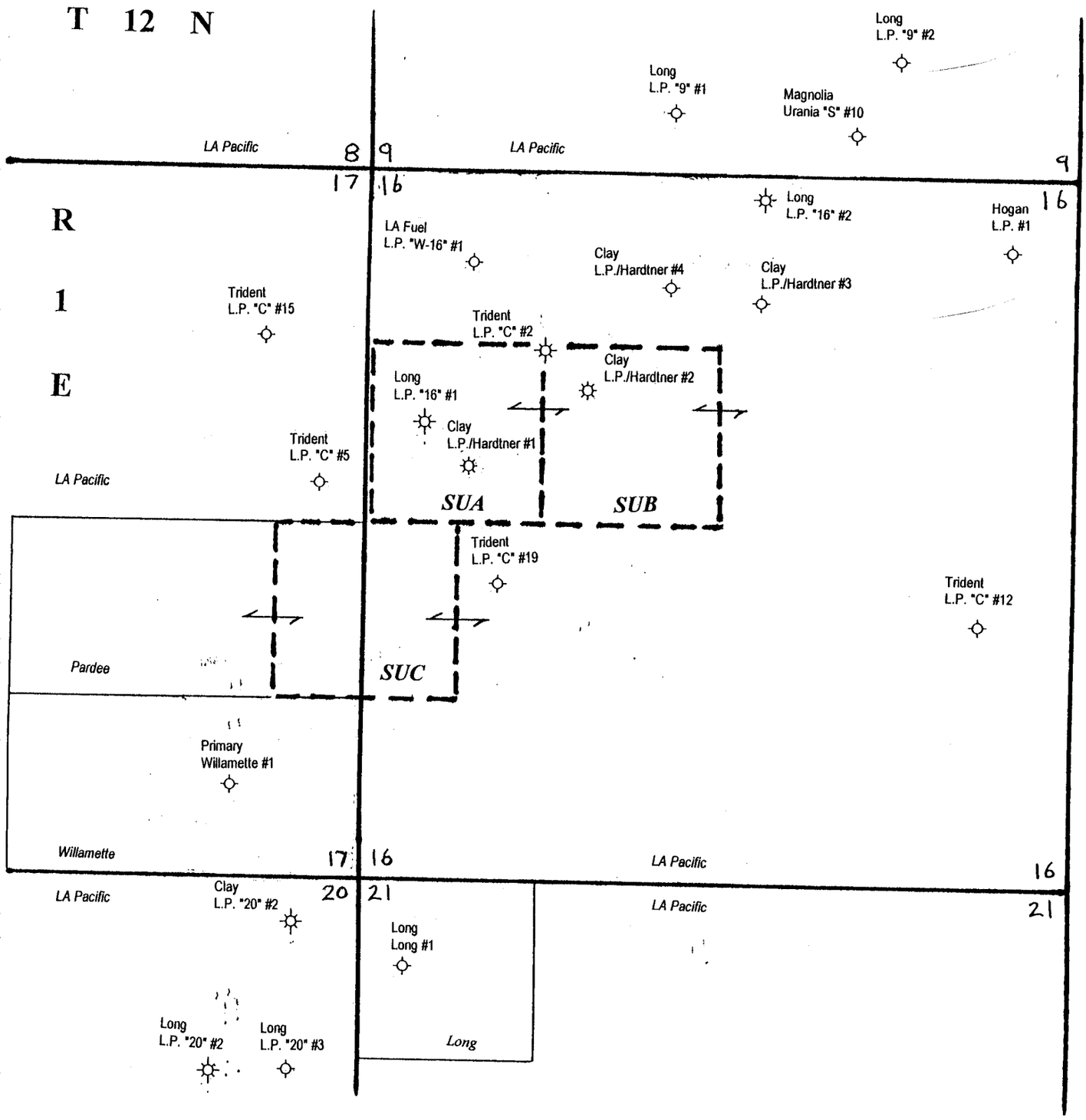

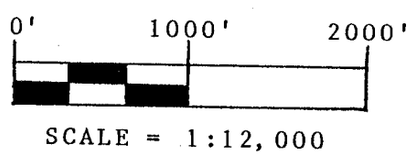

JOHN O. CLAY EXPL., INC.

HICKORY VALLEY FIELD
WINN PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS: WX RD

Docket No.
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Exhibit No. 1
Scale: 1" = 2000'