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September 6, 2002

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

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("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 Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Weyerhauser 10 No. 1 Well as the unit well for CV RA SUH at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974.

2. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, with production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, pursuant to Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J-2, effective October 7, 1977, and Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977, in the above described well.

3. To designate Applicant as operator of CV RA SUH.

4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J-1, effective April 14, 1977.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect 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 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.

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

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures
cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encls.)
Mr. Julian Chahin (w/encls.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

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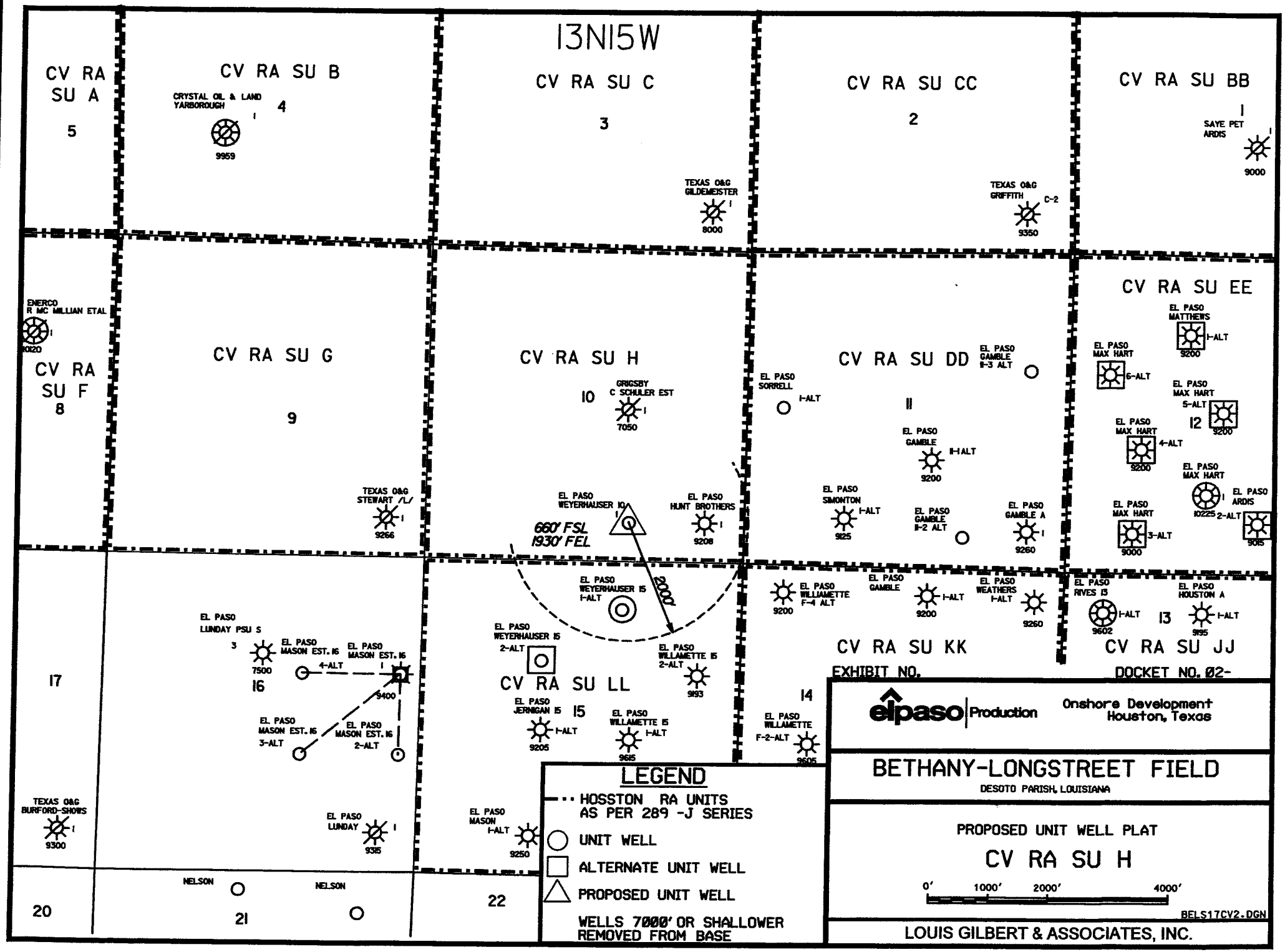
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LEGEND
HOSSTON RA UNITS
AS PER 289 -J SERIES
UNIT WELL
ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
PROPOSED UNIT WELL
WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE
EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO. 02-
elpaso Production
Onshore Development
Houston, Texas
BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT
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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.