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September 29, 2003

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

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Johns Sand, Reservoir A, and Brown-Ozley Sand,
BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville 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 Johns Sand, Reservoir A, and to the Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Johns Sand, Reservoir A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Johns Sand, Reservoir A.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being designated JOHNS RA SUA, and being shown on an attached plat.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate an Operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.

5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir so warrant and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

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7. To define the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,342' and 7,371' (7,250' and 7,279' TVD) in the El Paso Production Company--El Paso Fee 3 No. 1 Well, located in Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Johns Sand, Reservoir A.

Brown-Ozley Sand

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its El Paso Fee 3 No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for BR-OZ SUBB at the location shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 78 series of Orders and in lieu of the location approved by Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D-12, effective January 7, 2003.

2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Brown-Ozley Sand underlying BR-OZ SUBB which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.

3. To permit the Operator of BR-OZ SUBB to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

4. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Brown-Ozley Sand with production from the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, in any existing or future wells drilled on BR-OZ SUBB and JOHNS RA SUA.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Brown-Ozley Sand.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

Pertinent data concerning this application is 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 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 data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated September 17, 2003, 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 with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for October 15, 2003. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto are plats outlining Applicant's proposed unit and showing the location of the proposed alternate unit well, which plats are identical to those attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, 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.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

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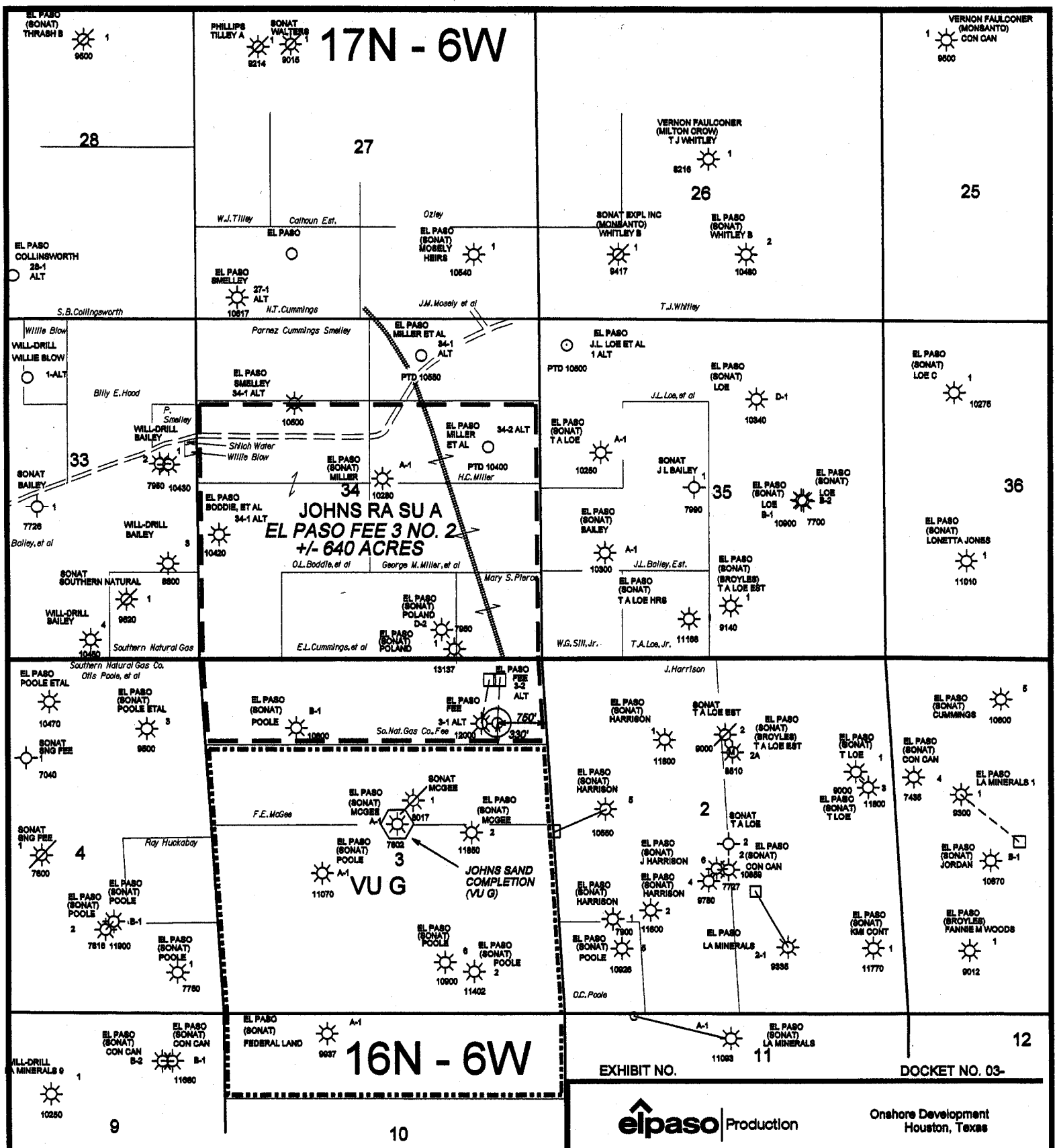
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Calhoun Est.
Ozley
J.M. Mosely et al
T.J. Whitley
S.B. Collingsworth
N.T. Cummings
Parnez Cummings Smelley
Willie Blow
Billy E. Hood
P. Smelley
Shiloh Water
H.C. Miller
O.L. Boddie, et al
George M. Miller, et al
Mary S. Pierce
E.L. Cummings, et al
J.L. Loe, et al
J.L. Bailey, Est.
W.G. Sill, Jr.
T.A. Loe, Jr.
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Southern Natural Gas
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O.C. Poole
EXHIBIT NO.
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Onshore Development
Houston, Texas
BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT PLAT
JOHNS SAND, RESERVOIR A
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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.
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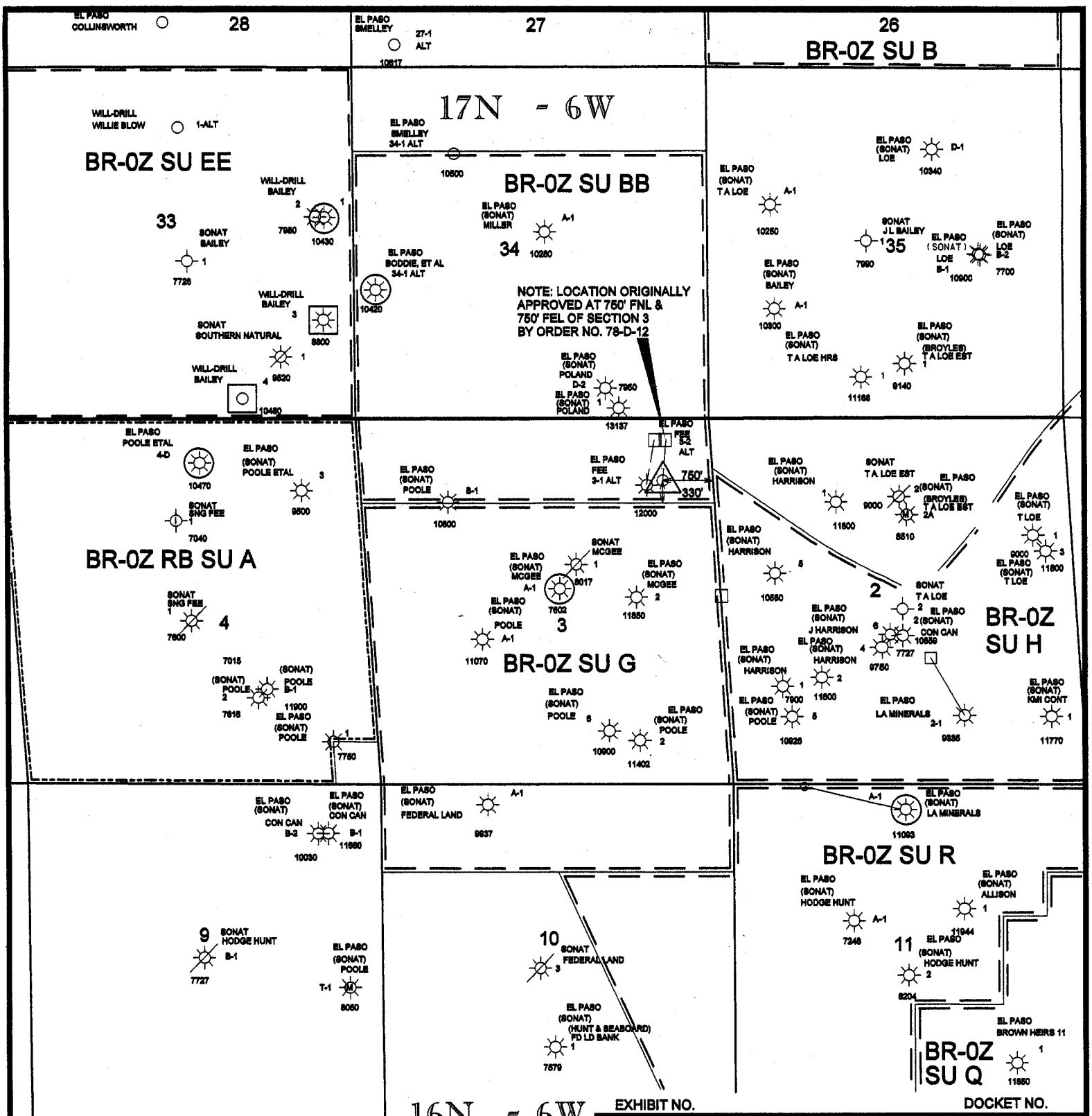

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LEGEND

- BROWN-OZLEY SAND UNITS AS PER 78 SERIES OF ORDERS
- BR-OZ RB SU A, APO 78-V
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED REVISED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL LOCATION

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

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