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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
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Re: Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A
THORN LAKE FIELD
Red River Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Rippy Oil Company for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Sand, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Red River Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To continue in full force and effect the rules and regulations established by Louisiana Office of Conservation Order No. 1145, effective July 31, 1981, for the Cotton Valley Sand, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Red River Parish, Louisiana.

2. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the Cotton Valley Sand, Reservoir A, to be designated the CV RA SUM, containing the identical area included within the said unit, as shown on the attached plat.

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

4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the proposed unit.

5. To provide that, in the event that the producing characteristics of the reservoir should change, the reservoir may be reclassified by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing, if evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cotton Valley Sand, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Red River Parish, Louisiana.

The Cotton Valley Formation in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was previously defined in Louisiana Office of Conservation Order No. 1145, effective July 31, 1981.

All pertinent data relating to the above proposal may be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Cambe Geological Services, Inc., 6300 Westpark, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77057, telephone (713) 659-8363

Although a pre-application conference was scheduled in Applicant's pre-application notice, no notice of a desire to confer was timely received by the Applicant and, consequently, no pre-application conference was held.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the proposed Cotton Valley Sand, Reservoir A, Sand Unit M. Also enclosed herewith to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent; however, a copy of this list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice which issues in respect of this application, 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 the THORN LAKE FIELD Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Additionally, 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 of Conservation.

In addition, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation in the amount of $755.00, in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

OTTINGER HEBERT, L.L.C.

Patrick S. Ottinger

PSO/sd
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard, District Manager

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

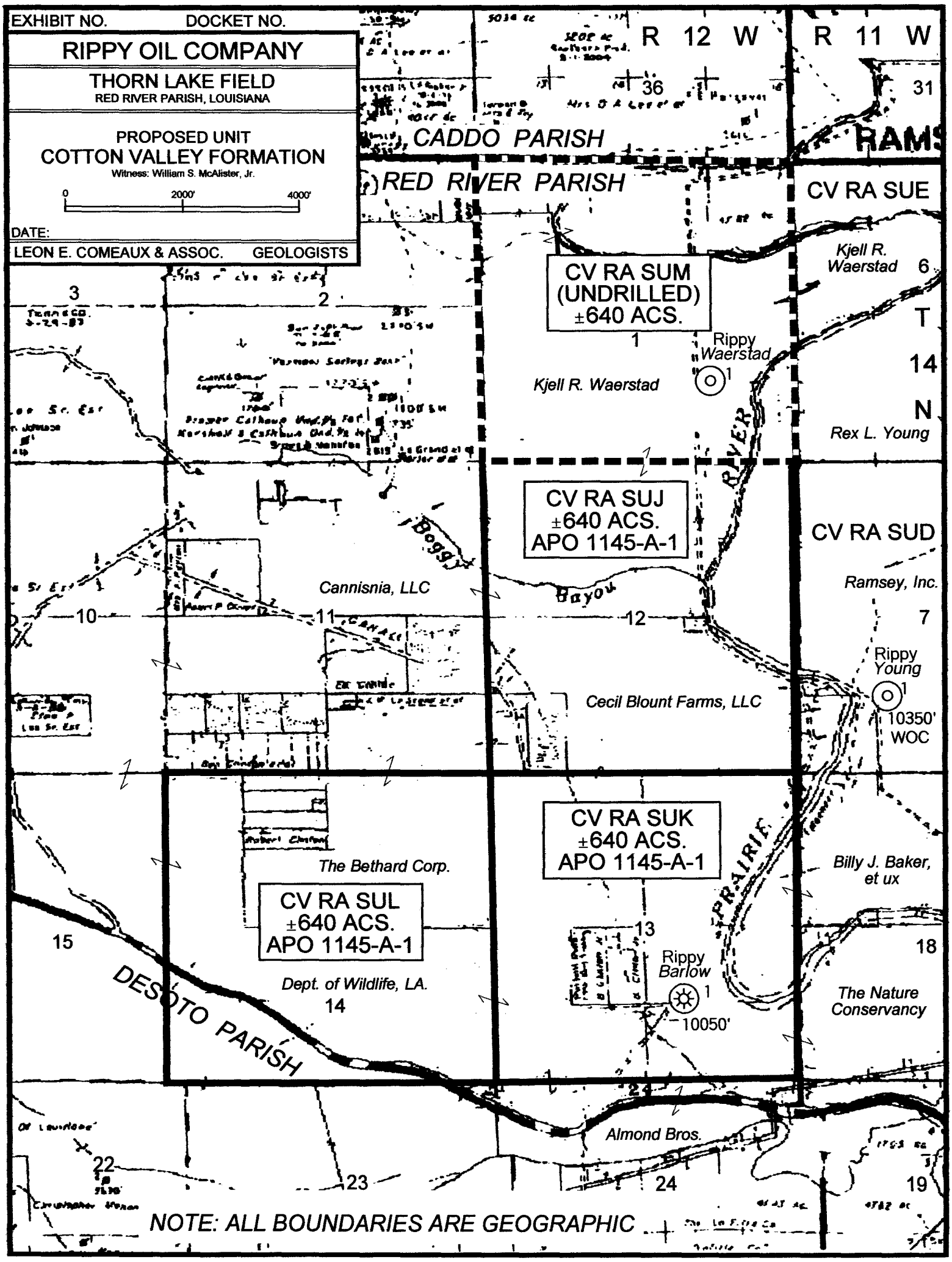
EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.
RIPPY OIL COMPANY
THORN LAKE FIELD
RED RIVER PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
COTTON VALLEY FORMATION
Witness: William S. McAlister, Jr.
0
2000'
4000'
DATE:
LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS
R 12 W
R 11 W
36
31
CADDO PARISH
RED RIVER PARISH
CV RA SUE
CV RA SUM
(UNDRILLED)
±640 ACS.
Kjell R. Waerstad
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Rex L. Young
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APO 1145-A-1
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Ramsey, Inc.
Cannisnia, LLC
Bogg
Bayou
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Rippy
Young
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Cecil Blount Farms, LLC
CV RA SUK
±640 ACS.
APO 1145-A-1
The Bethard Corp.
Billy J. Baker,
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CV RA SUL
±640 ACS.
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Rippy
Barlow
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Dept. of Wildlife, LA.
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The Nature
Conservancy
DESOTO PARISH
Almond Bros.
22
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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC