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

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, BRYCELAND  
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.  
and  
Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, 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 Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bryceland Field, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

## Bryceland Field

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.
2. To create two (2) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SUA and CV RA SUB.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To propose that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, within or outside of the units proposed herein be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit line and no closer than 2,000 feet to any well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit has been granted to drill to the Cotton Valley Formation.
6. To define the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval encountered between the measured depths of 9,977 feet and 12,737 feet in the El Paso E&P Company, LP (formerly Southern Natural Gas Company)--Mrs. B Poland No. 1 Well, located in Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to these proposals.

Bear Creek Field

1. To dissolve the unit designated CV RB SUC, created for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, by Office of Conservation Order No. 78-O-6, effective April 23, 1991, said unit being shown on an attached plat.
2. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to these proposals.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-O, effective June 1, 1968.

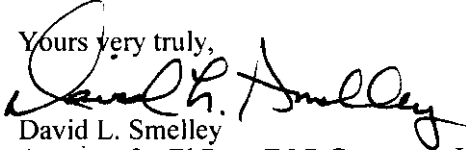
Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated October 24, 2008, 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 November 19, 2008. While one request for the pre-application conference was received, it was subsequently withdrawn; therefore, no conference will be held.

Attached hereto are plats showing the units proposed to be created and dissolved. 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 Bryceland and Bear Creek Fields, 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 E&P Company, L.P.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures  
cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)  
Ms. Sheridan Jones (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Mr. David McDonald (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

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CV RA SU A  
CUMMINGS 26 NO. 1  
+/- 640 ACRES

CV RA SU B  
RAY ODEN NO. 1  
+/- 640 ACRES

CV RB SU E  
(BEAR CREEK)

CV RB SU A  
(BEAR CREEK)

CV RB SU B  
(BEAR CREEK)

BRC CV SU  
APO 78-0-5  
(BEAR CREEK)

**LEGEND**

- PROPOSED UNIT (BRYCELAND)
- COTTON VALLEY UNITS, BEAR CREEK AS PER 76-0 SERIES OF ORDINANCES
- UNIT WELL (BEAR CREEK)
- PROPOSED UNIT WELL (BRYCELAND)
- WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500' REMOVED FROM BASE

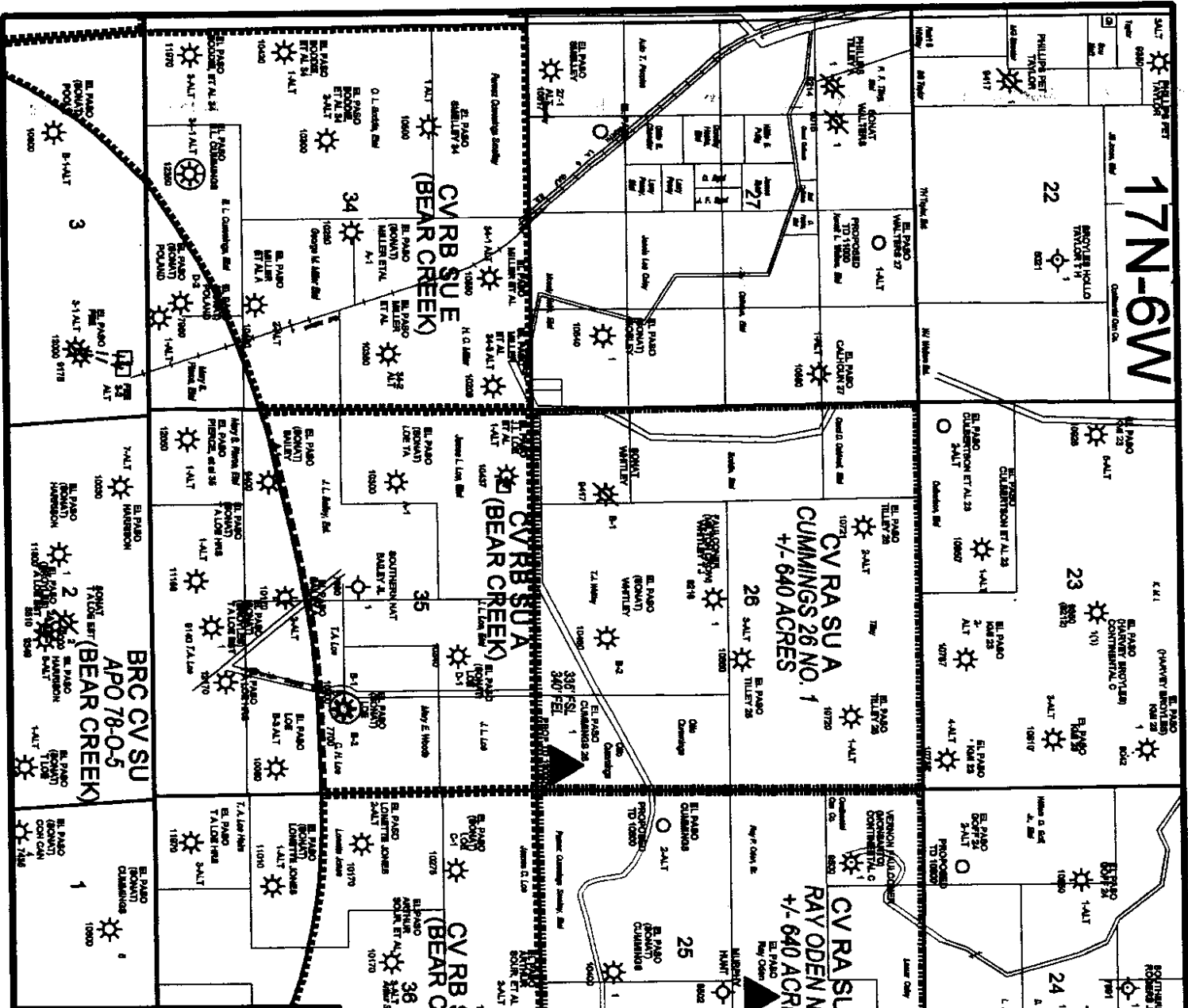
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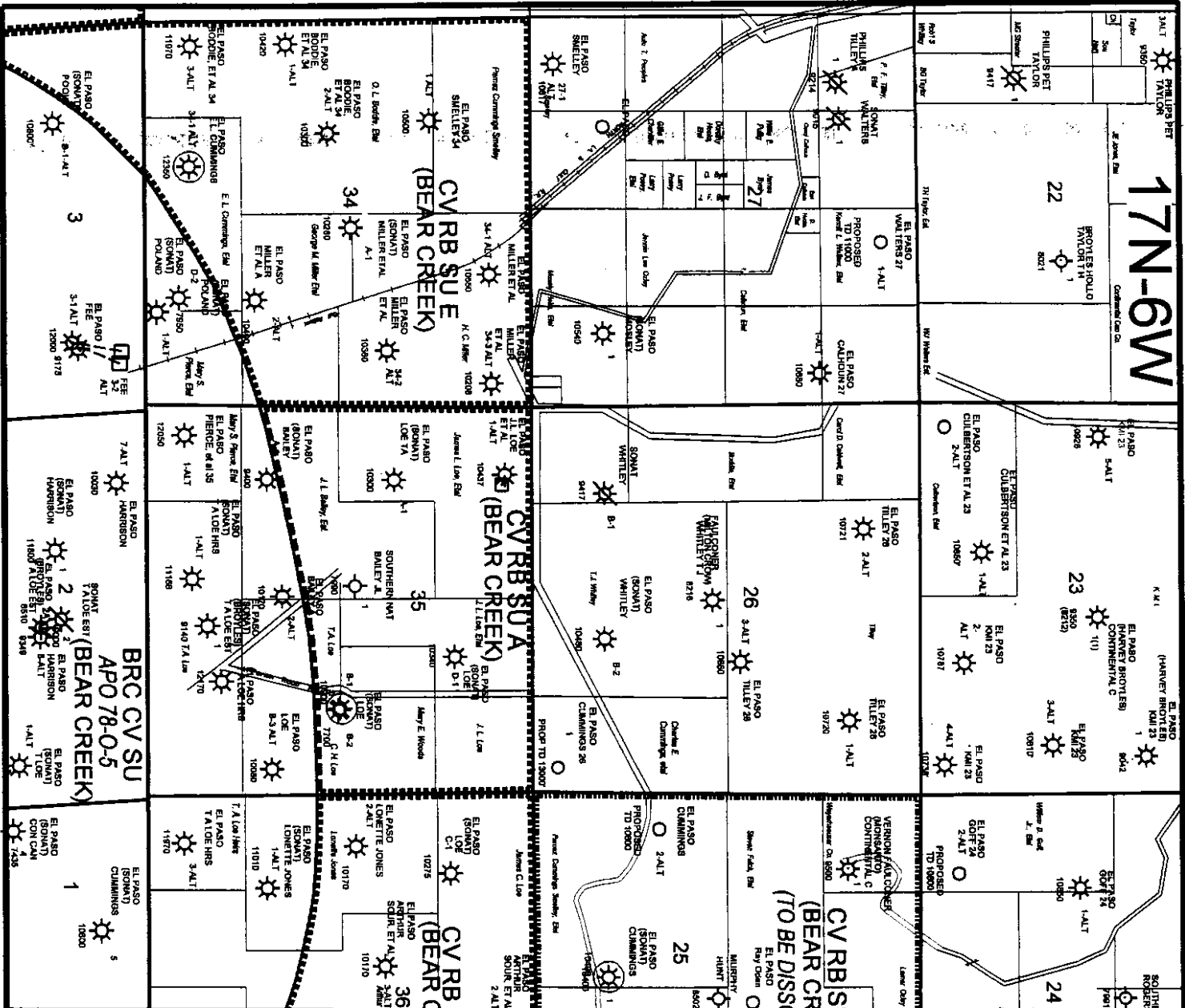
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PROPOSED UNIT PLAT  
COTTON VALLEY ZONE,  
RESERVOIR A

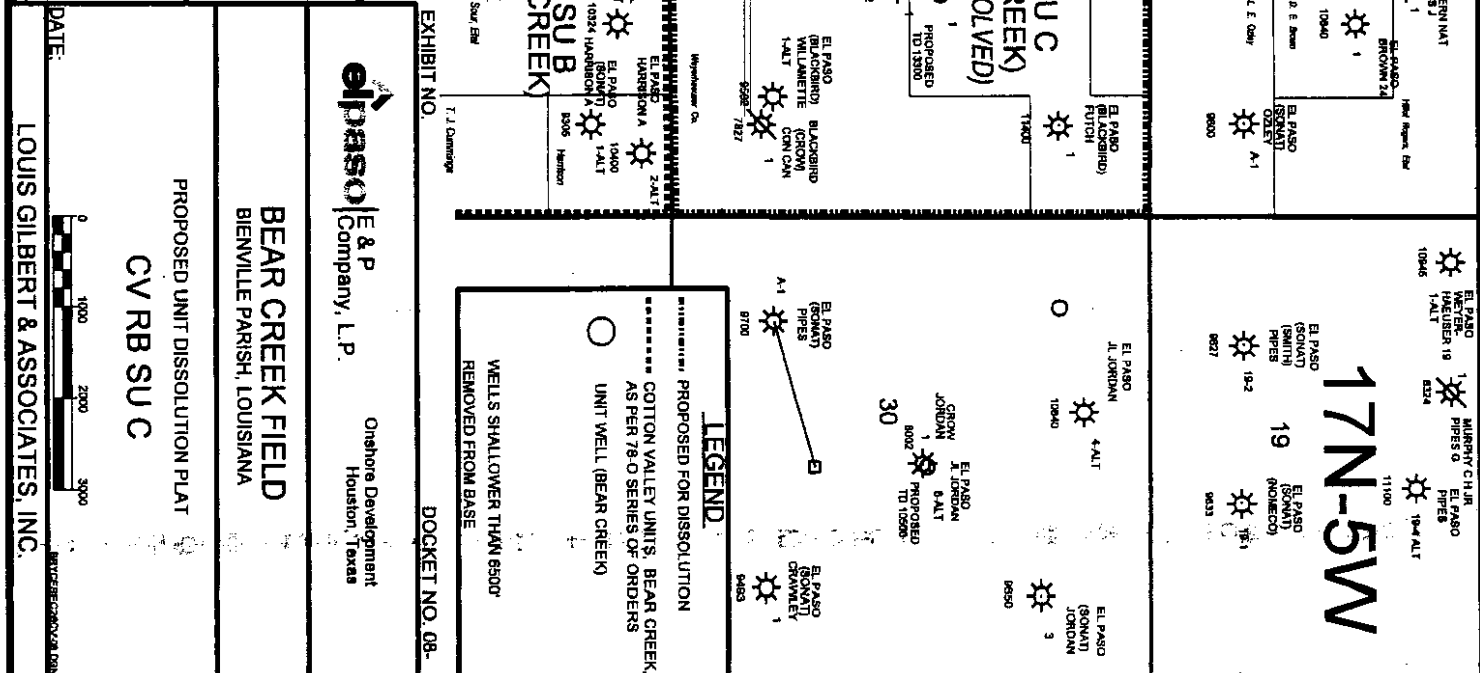
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**PROPOSED UNIT DISSOLUTION PLAT**

**CV RB SU C**

**BEAR CREEK FIELD**  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

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**LEGEND:**

- PROPOSED FOR DISSOLUTION
- COTTON VALLEY UNITS, BEAR CREEK, AS PER 78-0 SERIES OF ORDERS
- UNIT WELL (BEAR CREEK)
- WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500' REMOVED FROM BASE

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