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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94275, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Hearing Application
X-9A Sand, Reservoir B
9-C Sand, Reservoir A
West Bay Field
Plaquemines Parish, LA

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made by Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Applicant") for the calling of public hearings, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the X-9A Sand, Reservoir B and the 9-C Sand, Reservoir A, both in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the X-9A Sand, Reservoir B and the 9-C Sand, Reservoir A, both in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, said units to be designated X-9A RB SUA and 9-C RA SUA.

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

3. To designate Chevron U.S.A. Inc. as operator of each of the proposed units.

4. To designate Applicant's J.G. Timolat "B" No. 130-D S/T Well as the unit well for the X-9A RB SUA and Applicant's J.G. Timolat "B" No. 130 S/T Well as the unit well for the 9-C RA SUA.

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5. To provide that any future wells drilled to, completed in or recompleted in the X-9A Sand, Reservoir B and the 9-C Sand, Reservoir A, in the West Bay Field, shall be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify each of the reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner.

7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The X-9A Sand, Reservoir B, in the West Bay Field, is defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 10,132' and 10,213' (electric log measurements) (subsea depths of –9426' and –9482') in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc.—J.G. Timolat "B" No. 130-D S/T Well, which has a surface location in Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, and a bottomhole location in Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

The 9-C Sand, Reservoir A, in the West Bay Field, is defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 10,754' and 10,809' (electric log measurements) (subsea depths of –9871' and –9911') in the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. – J.G. Timolat "B" No. 130 S/T Well, which has a surface location in Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, and a bottomhole location in Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

A pre-application notice letter dated June 7, 2001, was mailed to the Commissioner of Conservation with copies being sent to each Interested Owner and Represented Party. A conference was not requested and accordingly, none was held.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Dugue' Daigle 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 that is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Daigle **at the cost of the requesting party.**

There are attached hereto and made a part hereof, plats outlining the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is a Chevron check in the amount of $1,400.00 payable to the State of Louisiana, Office of Conservation, to cover the required hearing application fee.

Kindly set this matter for hearing at the earliest convenient date.

Respectfully submitted,

CHVERON U.S.A. INC.

By Arthur P. Mitchell

Enclosure

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Interested Owners and
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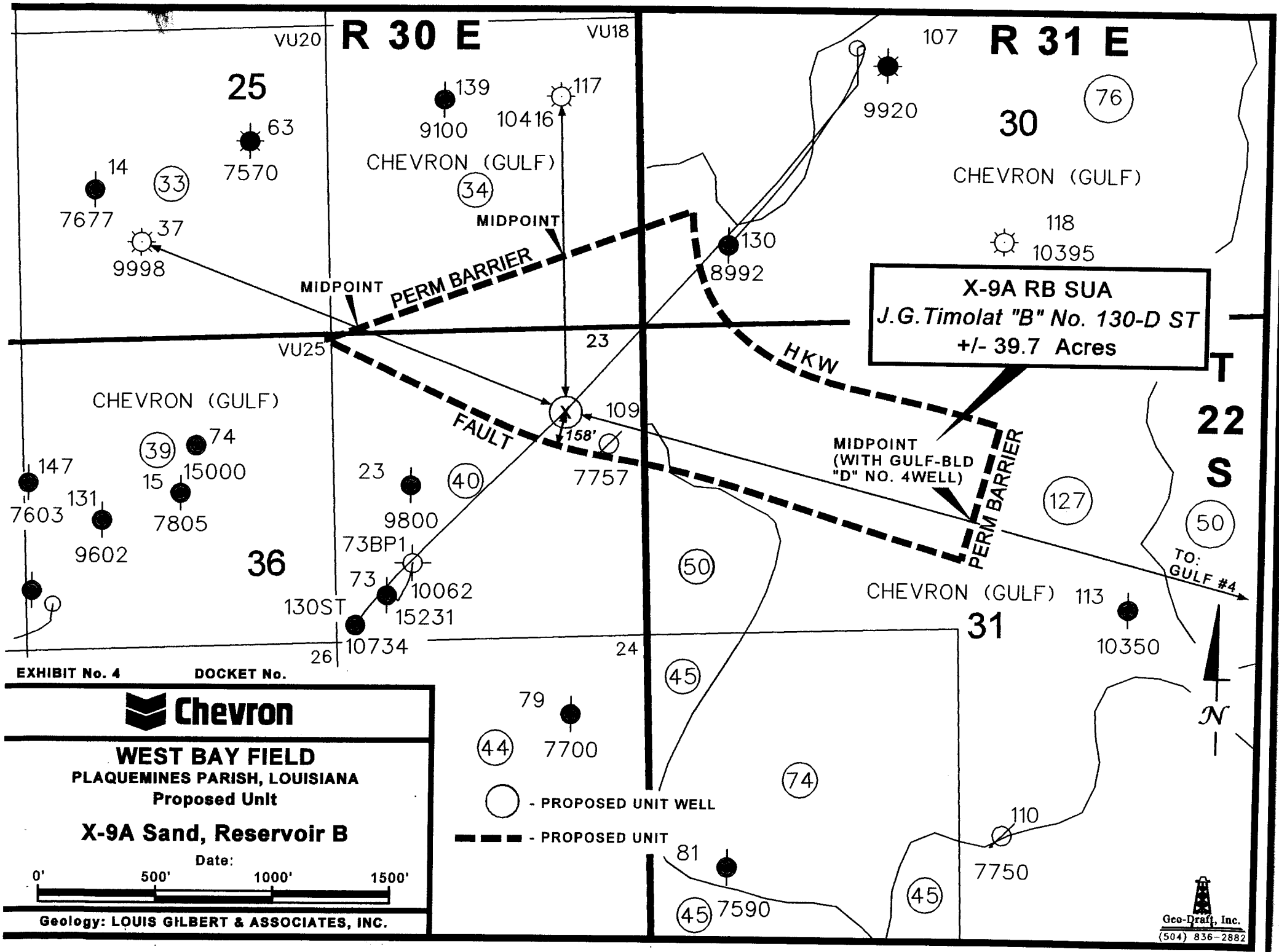

EXHIBIT No. 4 DOCKET No.

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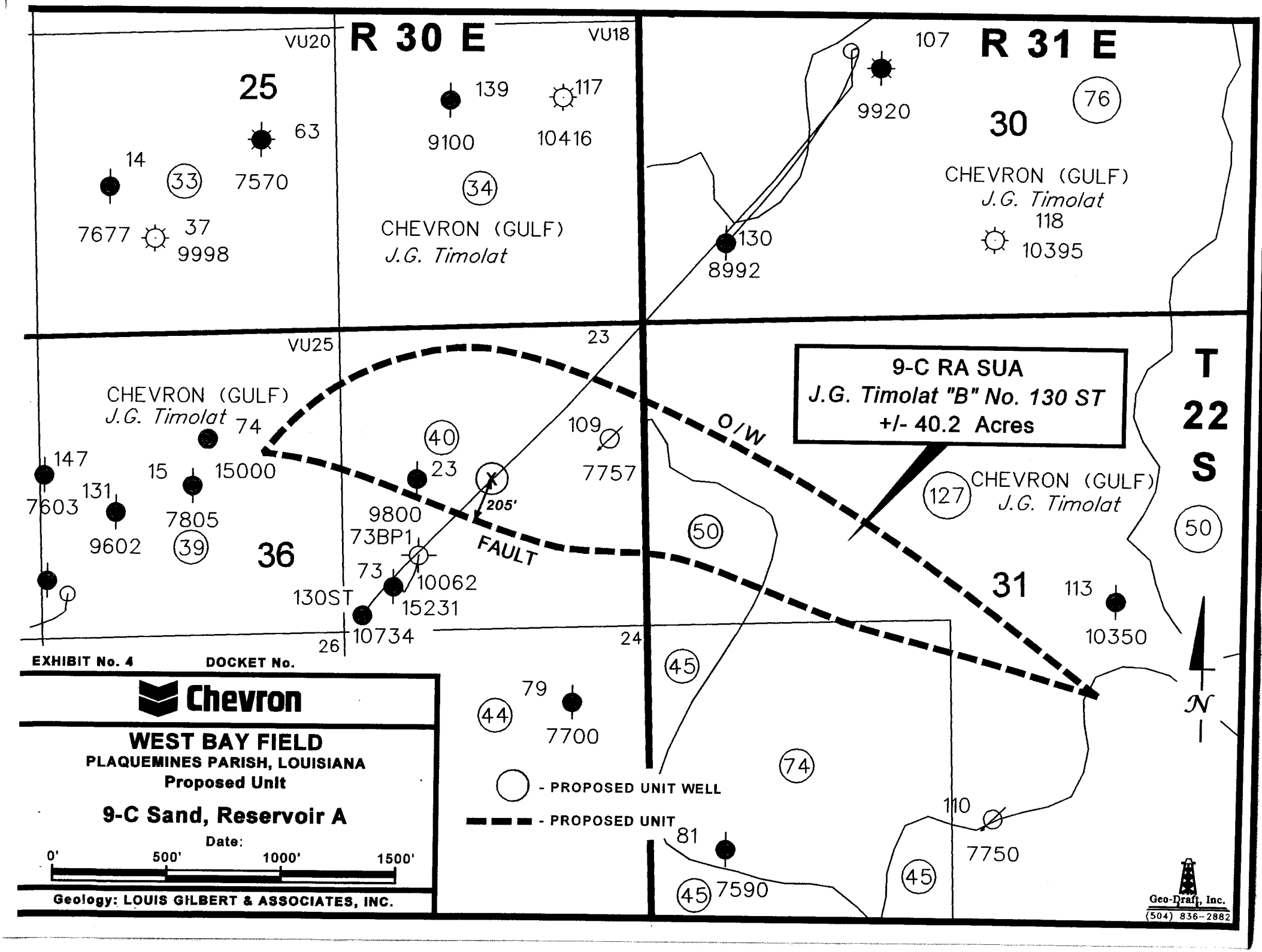
WEST BAY FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA
Proposed Unit

X-9A Sand, Reservoir B

Date:

0' 500' 1000' 1500'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.



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WEST BAY FIELD

PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit

9-C Sand, Reservoir A

Date:

0' 500' 1000' 1500'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.