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

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B; Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; CASPIANA FIELD, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING 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 Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B; to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for ROD RB SUC, at the location shown on an attached plat.

2. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for ROD RB SUJ, at the location shown on an attached plat.

3. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for ROD RB SUK, at the location shown on an attached plat.

4. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUE, at the locations shown on an attached plat.

5. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUR, at the locations shown on an attached plat.

6. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUC, at the location shown on an attached plat.

7. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUD, at the location shown on an attached plat.

8. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUL, at the location shown on an attached plat.

9. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUM, at the location shown on an attached plat.

10. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUE, at the locations shown on an attached plat.

11. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUR, at the locations shown on an attached plat.

12. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUC, at the location shown on an attached plat.

13. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUD, at the location shown on an attached plat.

14. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUL, at the location shown on an attached plat.

15. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUM, at the location shown on an attached plat.

16. To permit the drilling of each of the proposed alternate unit wells at the location shown on an attached plat or at any legal location within the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled.

17. To approve exceptions to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-D-3, effective February 1, 2000 (applicable to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B), Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), for any of the proposed wells, the location of which, as shown on attached plats, does not comply with the well location provisions in said Orders.

18. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

19. To permit the Operator of ROD RB SUC, ROD RB SUJ and ROD RB SUK, to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

20. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Rodessa Formation, Reservoir B, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-D-3, effective February 1, 2000.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975, and in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B-62, effective May 14, 2002.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 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. Any questions related to the location of any of the proposed alternate unit wells should be directed to Mr. John Mahan at J-W Operating Company (972) 233-8191.

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 each of the five (5) attached plats, 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 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 Caspiana 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.

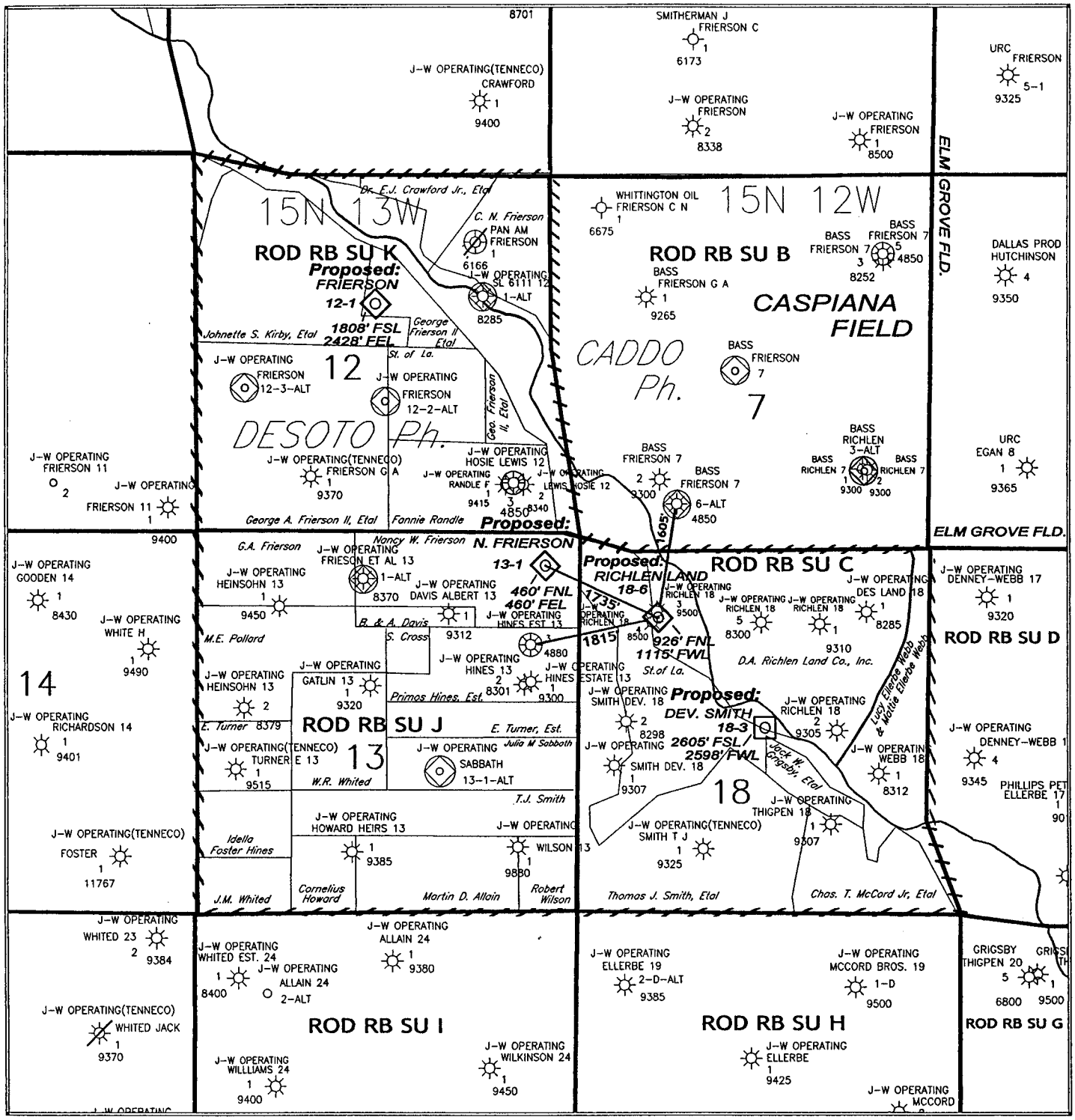
Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

David L. Smelley
Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures
cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



LEGEND

- Existing Units, Order No. 191-D
- Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- Proposed Unit Well
- Approved Alternate Unit Wells
- Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 4500'

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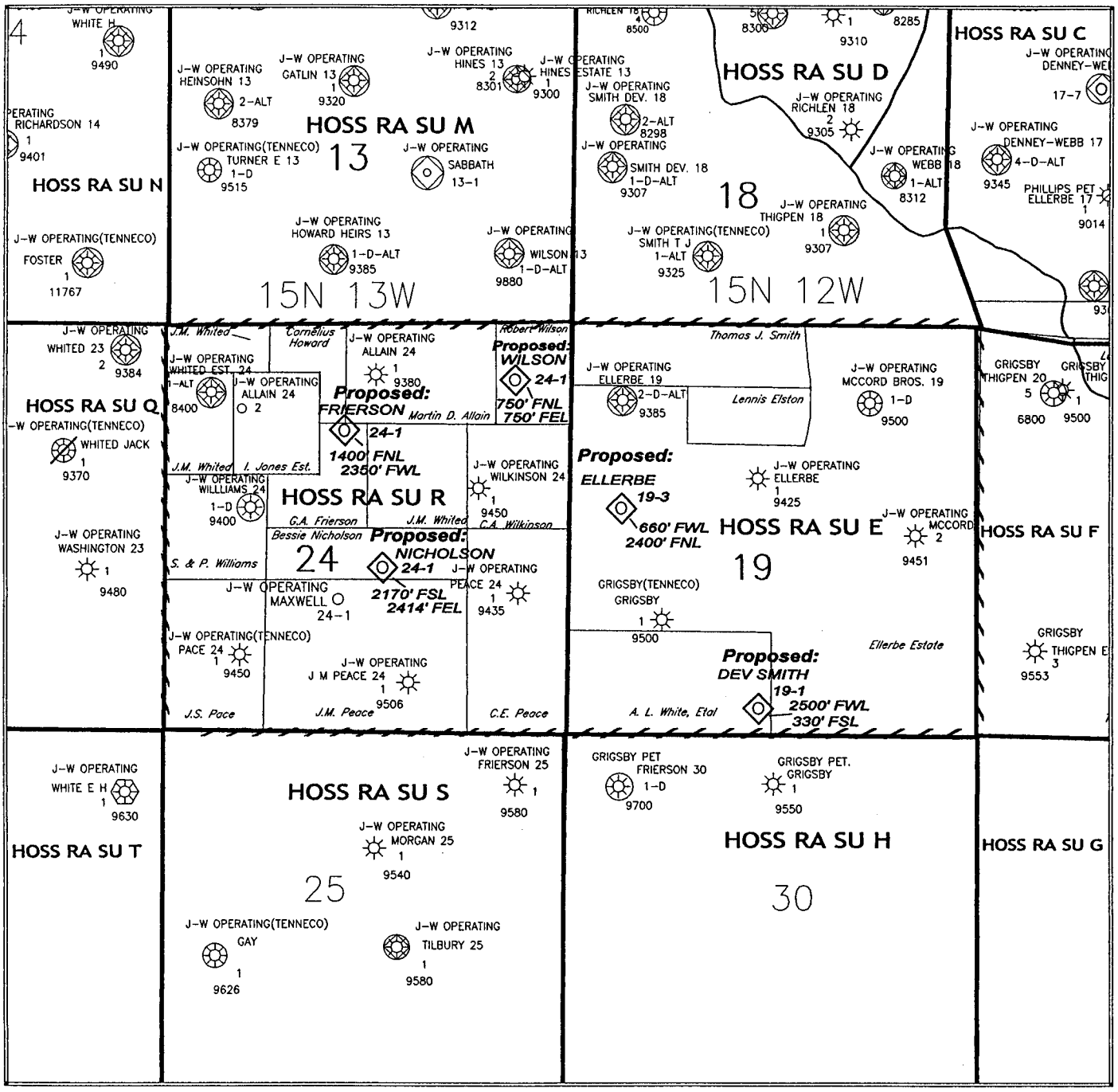
Alt. Ut. Well Plat - Rodessa Form.
Reservoir "A" Caspiana Field
Caddo & Desoto Ph.s, Louisiana

DATE	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket Nos.
Exhibit 1	1" : 2000'	02-???



LEGEND

- Existing Units, Order No. 191-A
- Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- Unit Well
- Approved Alternate Wells
- Substitute Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 5000'

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Alt. Ut. Well Plat - Hosston Zone
Reservoir "A" Caspiana Field
Desoto Ph., Louisiana

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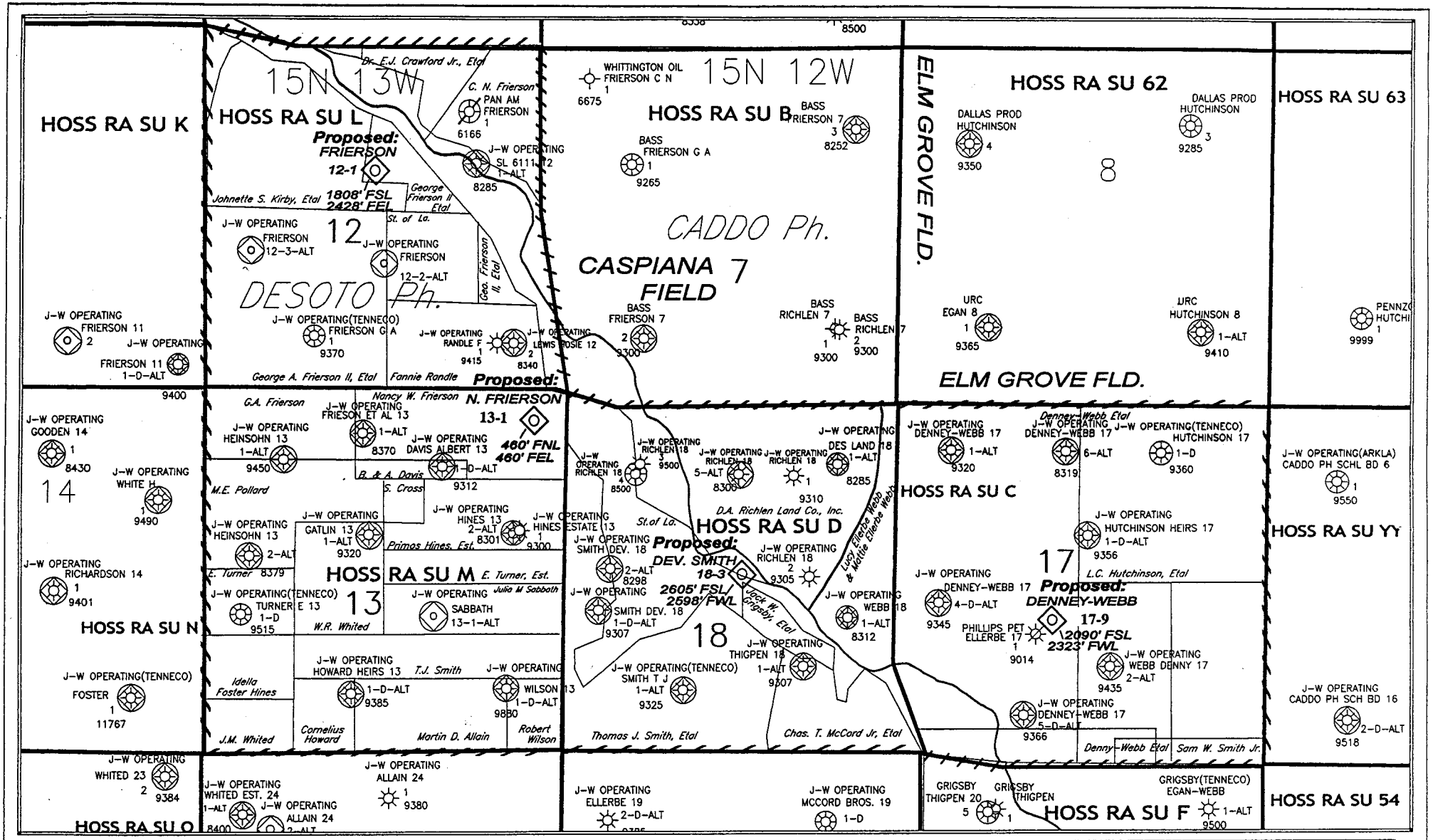

LEGEND

- Existing Units, Order No. 191-B
- Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- Unit Well
- Approved Alternate Wells
- Posted Wells > 5000'

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Alt. Ut. Well Plat- Hosston Zone
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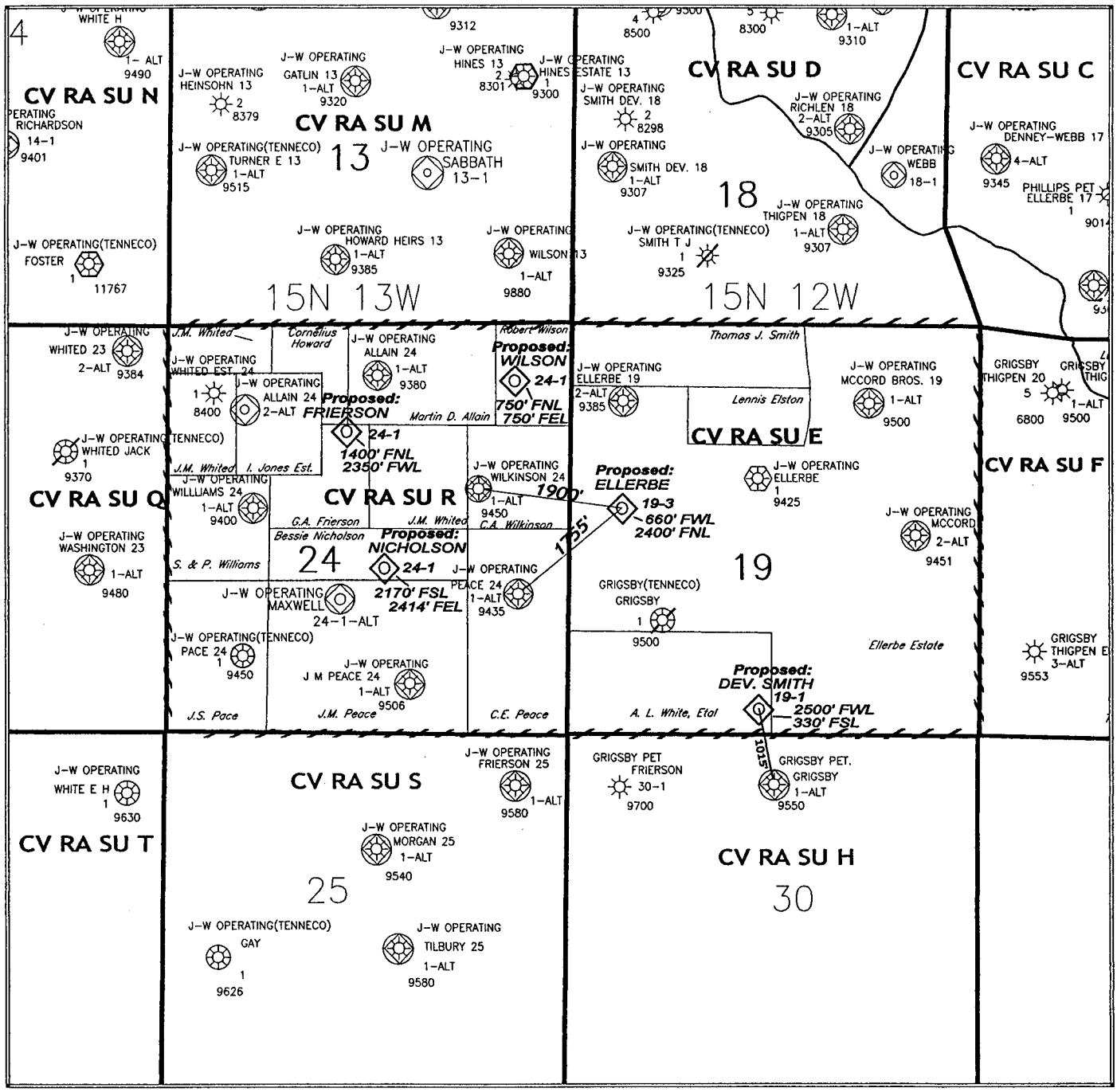

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- Unit Well
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- Substitute Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 6000'

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Alt. Ut. Well Plat-Cotton Valley Form.
Reservoir "A" Caspiana Field
Desoto Ph., Louisiana

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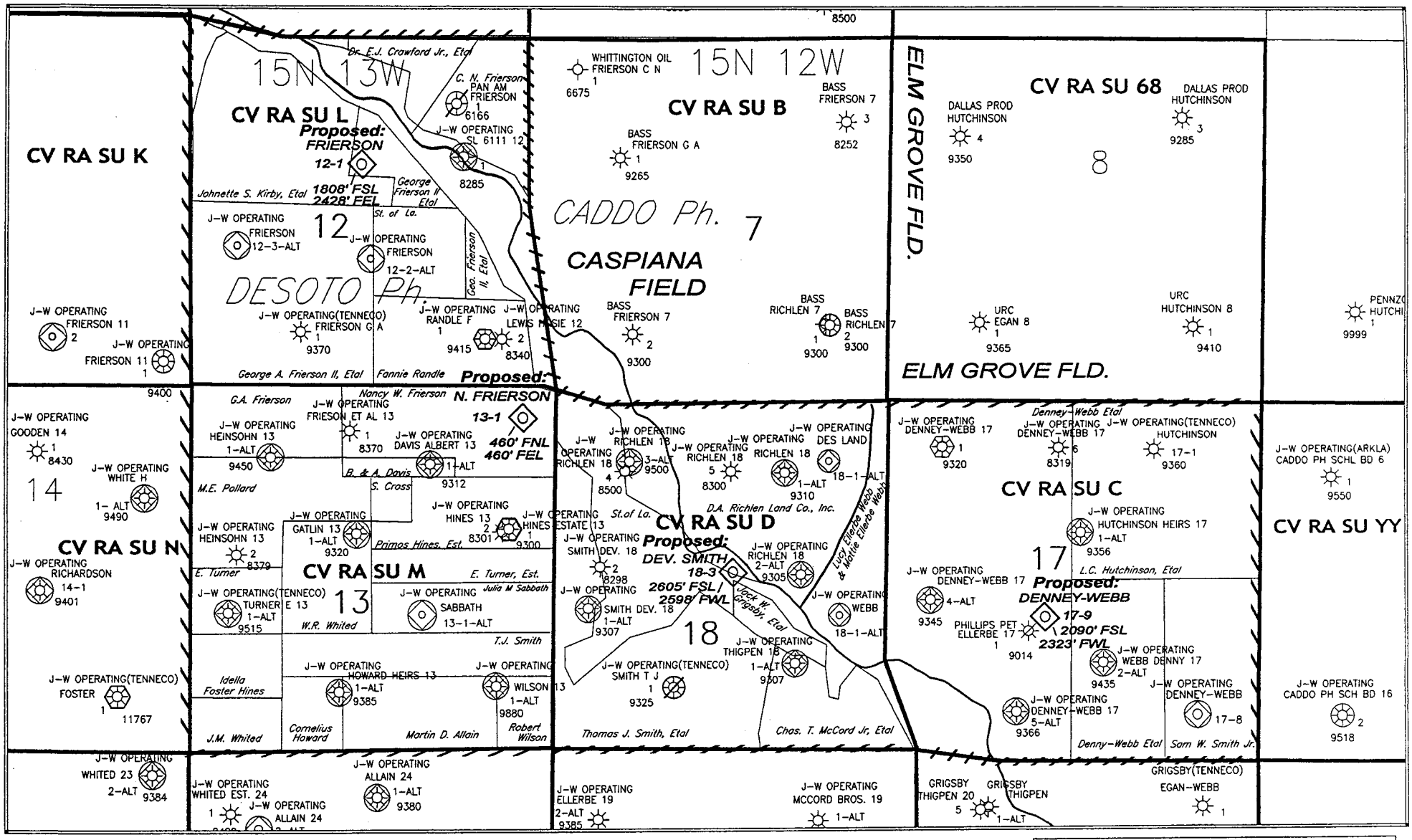

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