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APPLICATION

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O., Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

RE: Operc B Zone, Reservoir G
Ramos Field
St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION, L.L.C.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, Ramos Field, St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated OPERC B RG SUA;

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

3. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. - Avoca 47 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;

4. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;

5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, 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 of Conservation; and

7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Operc B Zone, Reservoir G, in the Ramos Field, St. Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 18,746 feet and 18,976 feet, electric log measurements (17,686 feet and 17,916 feet, true vertical depth), in The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. - Avoca 47 No. 1 Well, which has a bottom hole location in Section 47, Township 16 South, Range 13 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m. on the 18th day of June, 2003, at The Onebane Firm, 102 Versailles Blvd., Suite 600, Lafayette, Louisiana 70502, (337) 237-2660. A list of the parties who attended the pre-application conference is attached. Randall C.Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Jim Hardwick, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefor, and answered questions. There were no counter plans presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **Jim Hardwick, Cutright & Hardwick Exploration & Unitization Geologist, P.O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598, (337)232-7756.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal 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 provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of $755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

Randall C. Songy

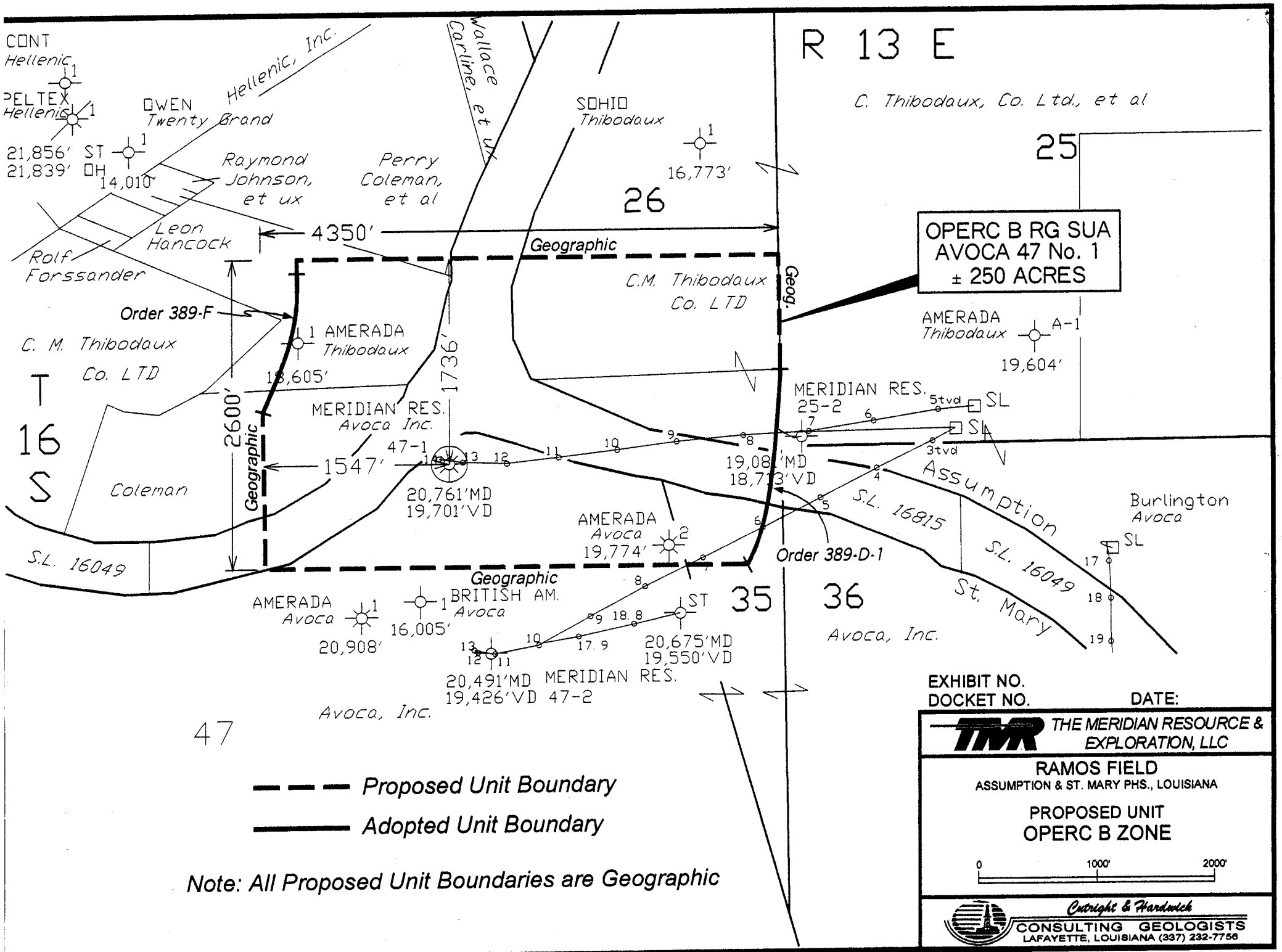
RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties
and Represented Parties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Raymond Johnson, et ux
Perry Coleman, et al
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C. Thibodaux, Co. Ltd., et al
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Proposed Unit Boundary
Adopted Unit Boundary
Note: All Proposed Unit Boundaries are Geographic
EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.
DATE:
THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION, LLC
RAMOS FIELD
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PROPOSED UNIT
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