# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

# AGENDA: MAY 26, 2015



# CITY OF LAREDO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

# NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission will convene in special session open to the public at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas to consider the following:

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- II. REVISION OF A MASTER PLAN
  - A. Loop Master Plan, located east of Bob Bullock Loop south of Bayside Blvd. District V – Cm. Roque Vela, Jr.
- III. PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGES
  - B. Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit and Drilling Permit for Oil and/or Gas Extraction and Production for Hachar 5H Well on a 2.62 acre pad site out of a 6,132.06 acre tract known as the Hachar Lease, located East of F.M. 1472. District VII-Cm. George Altgelt
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# IV. ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1110 HOUSTON STREET, LAREDO, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. SAID NOTICE WAS POSTED ON FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015 BY5:00 PM.

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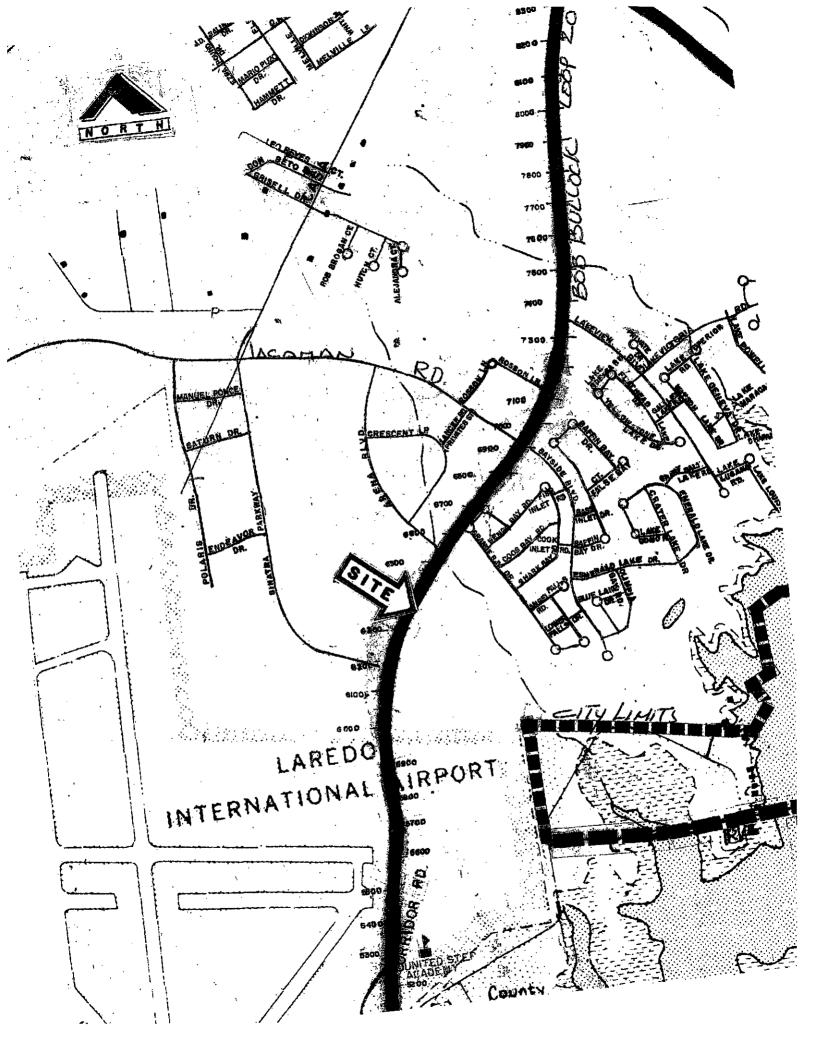
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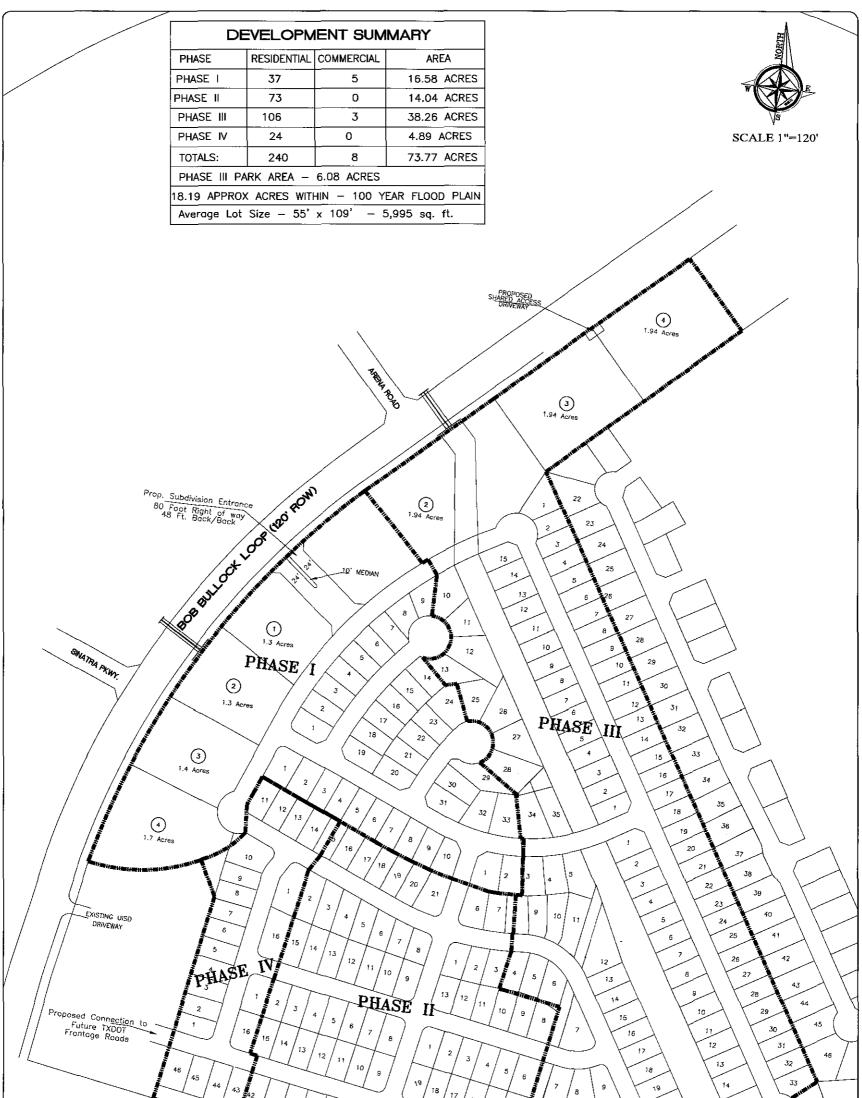
City Secretary

# Planning & Zoning Commission Communication

AGENDA ITEM: II-A	<b>DATE:</b> 05/26/15
APPLICANT: KRK, Ltd.	<b>ENGINEER:</b> Sherfey Engineering Co.
REQUEST: Revision and consideration of commercial.	f the Loop Master Plan. The intent is residential and
SITE: This master plan consists of a	approximately 237 lots on 73.77 acres and is located east of Bayside Blvd. This is located in District V- Cm. Roque
PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACT This master plan was postpone on 05/21/15.	<b>TON:</b> ed time certain by the Planning & Zoning Commission
PROPOSED ACTION: APPROV	E SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:
	aster plan with a revision date of 05/21/15 to include any to any subsequent plat submittal in accordance to Section Ordinance Handbook.
2. Provide a second means of acc names.	ess to the development. (Fire Dept.) Also provide street
3. Provide R.O.W. widths for any the subdivision, if applicable.	y streets designated collectors or higher, i.e. the entrance to
4. Conform to Section 24-57 of th Preservation, if applicable.	he Laredo Land Development Code regarding Green Space
5. Conform to Section 24-69 of th Management Standards.	he Laredo Land Development Code regarding Flood Plain
	ay be required as the street in Phase III exceeds the ement as Per Section 3-2 (N), of the City of Laredo
Notice to the Developer:	

Request for variances will be required as phases are developed which may result in a possible redesign of the master plan with increased right of way. The location and nature of the traffic calming devices will be reviewed and approved in conjunction with the phasing.





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Designed By:         _J.P.S           Drawn By:         _R.X.L.           Checked By:         _J.P.S.           Approved By:         _J.P.S.	SHERFEY ENGINEERING COMPANY, L.L.C. (956) 791-3511	CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN	THE LOOP SUBDIVISION	PROJ. NO.8202.00

TEPE FIRM REGISTRATION No: F-3132

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# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMUNICATION

	<b>SUBJECT:</b> PUBLIC HEARING AND REC	COMMENDATION OF AN ORDINANCE	
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III. <b>B.</b>	East of F.M. 1472.	ZC-31-2015	
Initiated b	V:	Staff source:	
	ergy VI, LP, applicant	Horacio De Leon, Asst. City Manager Nathan R. Bratton, Planning Director	
	<b>n:</b> The Commission recommended approval o Council requested reconsideration of this item 15.		
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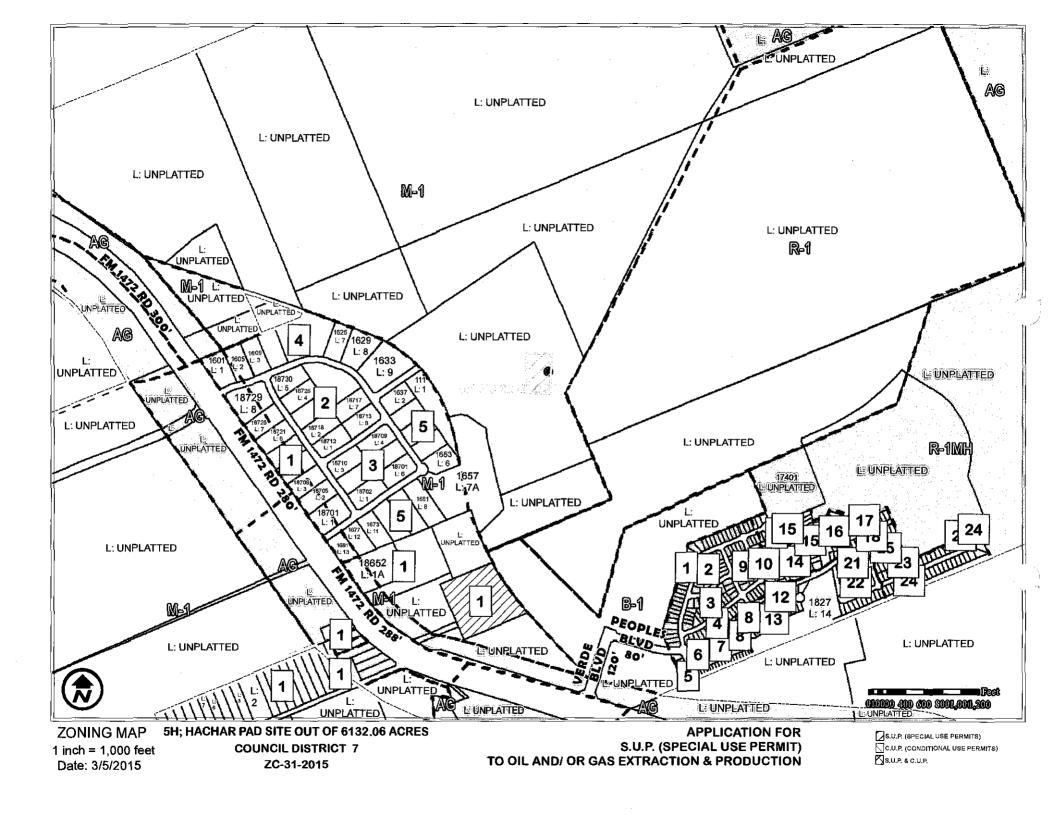
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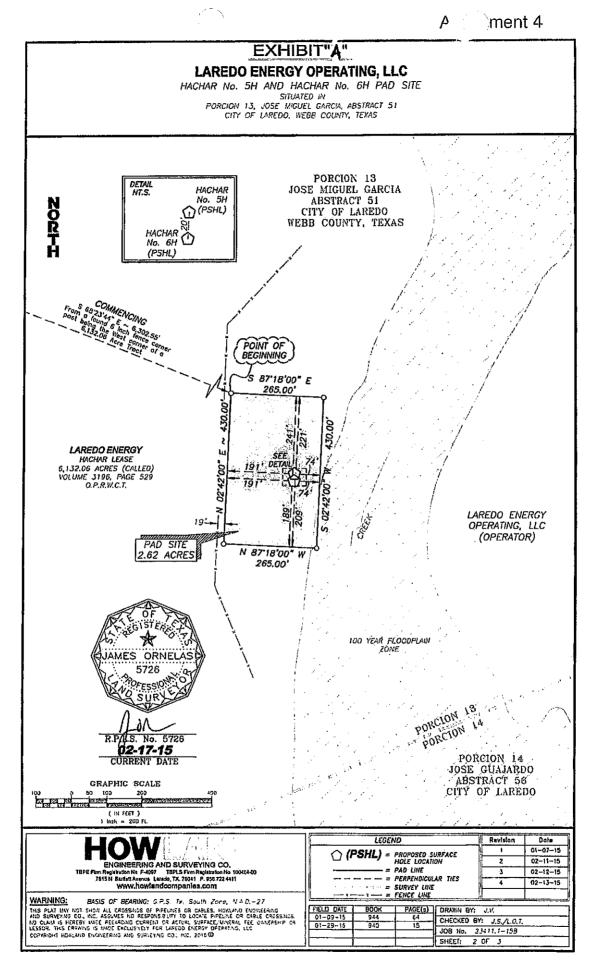
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Basis of Bearing: G.P.S., TX. South Zone, NAD-27

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02-17-15 Current Date

### SHEET 2 OF 2

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The undersigned, on behalf of Laredo Energy VI, L.P. ("Laredo Energy"), hereby states as follows:

- 1. Laredo Energy agrees to present any evidence to the Laredo City Council, in addition to that which is required under Section 24-73 of the Land Development Code, as may be requested by the City Council.
- 2. To the best of Laredo Energy's belief, the proposed drilling, completion, and production operations can be conducted safely.
- 3. Laredo Energy hereby authorizes the City of Laredo to expend such funds as may be necessary under the direction and advice of the Texas Railroad Commission, under the circumstances, to regain well control.
- 4. Laredo Energy hereby agrees to file with the Office of the Superintendent and/or Planning and Zoning Department the reports required under Section 24-73 of the Land Development Code.

Signed on this the 2/5+ day of January, 2015.

LAREDO ENERGY VI, L.P. Laredo Energy VI GP, LLC By: Its general partner By: Kenneth A. Cravens, VP-Land

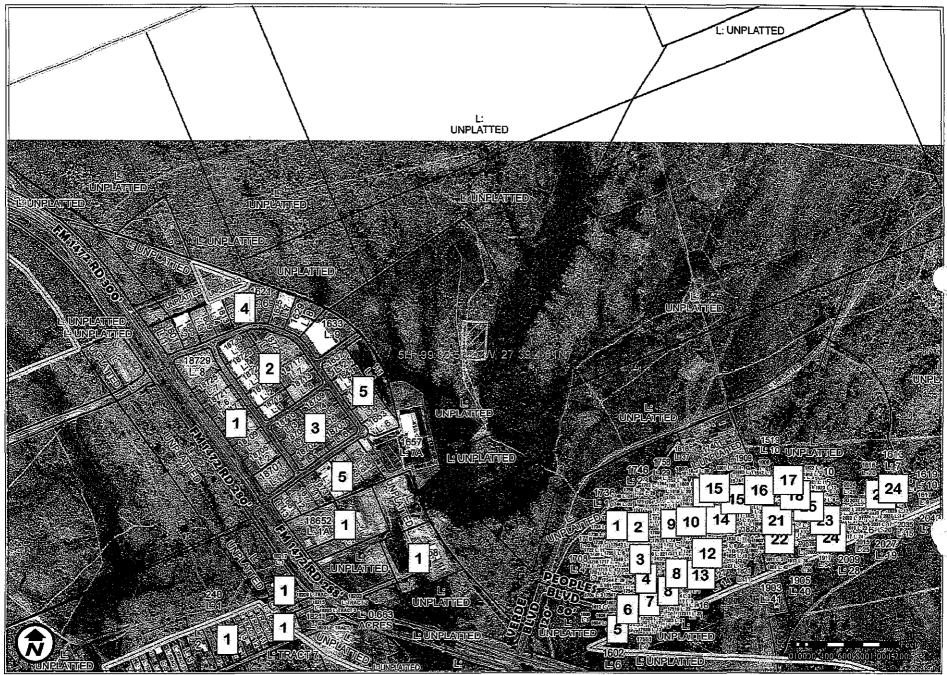
THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HARRIS §

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by Kenneth A. Cravens, Vice President-Land, Laredo Energy VI, L.P., this  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{A}_{+}$  day of January, 2015, in the capacity stated.

AMY K WINN IY COMMISSION EXPIRES October 17, 2017

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

**Exhibit B** 

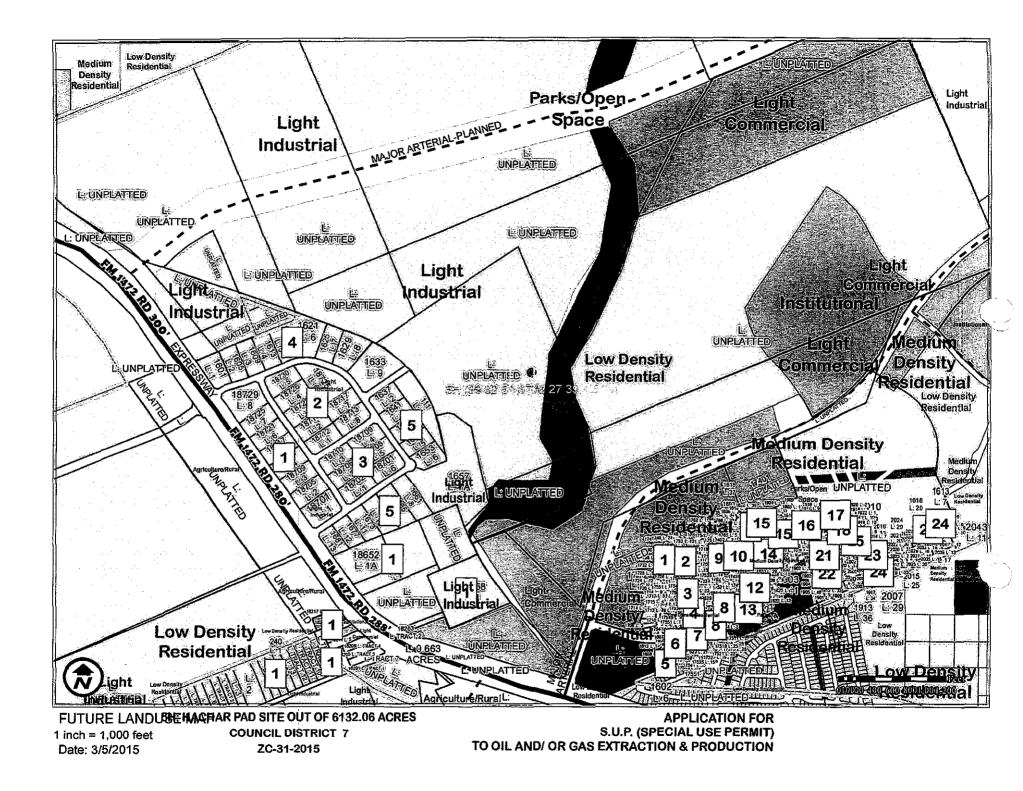


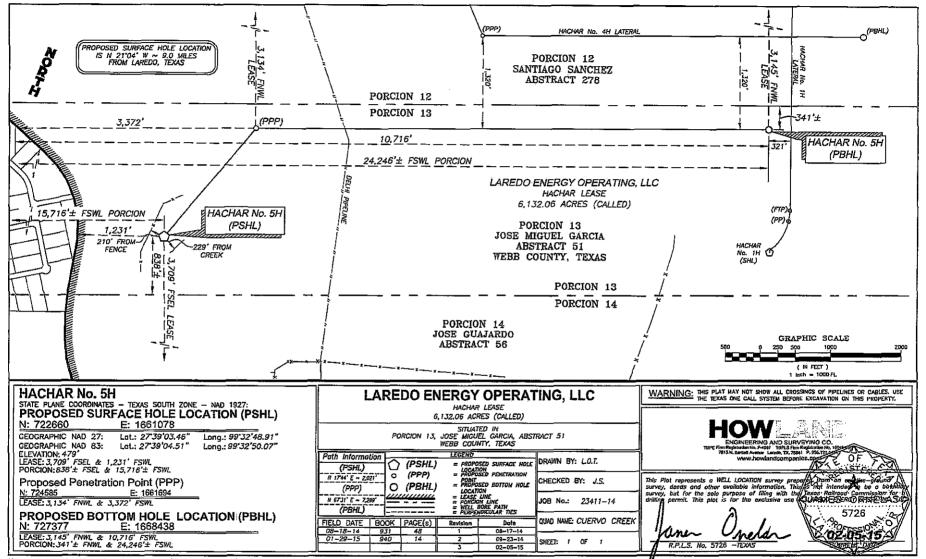
 AERIAL MAP
 5H; HACHAR PAD SITE OUT OF 6132.06 ACRES

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 COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

 Date: 3/5/2015
 ZC-31-2015

APPLICATION FOR S.U.P. (SPECIAL USE PERMIT) TO OIL AND/ OR GAS EXTRACTION & PRODUCTION





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CAMPERO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS 315 CALLE DEL NORTE, SUITE 207 LAREDO, TEXAS 78041 (956) 796-0330 (956) 796-0399 FAX

May 22, 2015

Nathan Bratton Director City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Department 1120 San Bernardo Ave. Laredo, Texas 78040

Re: Special Use Permit Applications – Laredo Energy Wells #5H and #6H

Dear Mr. Bratton:

Enclosed please find Laredo Energy's responses to the items mentioned by Councilman George Altgelt at the Laredo City Council meeting on Monday, which you listed in your correspondence to me on May 19, 2015.

As you know, at the most recent Council Meeting, Laredo Energy requested that there be no further delay with respect to the vote on the permit applications. There have been three postponements which have resulted in a serious risk of substantial economic harm. Frankly, at this point, economic losses due to the delays are probably unavoidable. Moreover, we do not understand, and frankly take exception to, the current status of the applications in approval process. We believe that it was inappropriate to remand these permit applications because they comply with Section 24-73 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code and were already approved by city staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Importantly, we further believe the remand is improper because its explicit purpose is the consideration of items, many of which are not part of the subject ordinance or inconsistent with governing law.

With all of that said, Laredo Energy is participating in the upcoming Commission and Council meetings with the intent of expediting approval of the permit applications and mitigating damages. Incidentally, we appreciate your efforts to schedule special meetings to keep the permit applications on track for final approval on June 1, 2015. Moreover, Laredo Energy representatives may acknowledge at the meeting that there is already conformity with some of the items as part of current standard procedure. They may even say that Laredo Energy is willing to comply with other items. These statements should not be construed as formal and binding commitments. Instead, Laredo Energy does not intend to negotiate or execute a contractual relationship with the City of Laredo and reserves all rights under applicable law.

May 22, 2015 Mr. Bratton Page 2

Sincerely,

Adolfo Campero, Jr.

Enclosures

1. Does the company have a water management plan for handling fluids that flow back to the surface? If so, please provide copy to Fire Department and Environmental Services Department.

There is no "water management plan" for handling flowback fluids. All fluids from flowback operations are contained in surface tanks and subsequently transported via vacuum trucks to a licensed commercial disposal facility. The tanks are inspected prior to use. There are crews on-site on a 24 hours basis during the flowback period which lasts 7-10 days.

2. Does the company have a drainage plan to control the release of stormwater and to maintain the quality of the released stormwater? If so, please provide copy of the plan to Fire Department and Environmental Services Department.

Once a permit is issued, a site assessment is conducted. At this time, a determination is made on the location and size of a retention pond to catch storm water. The water is hauled off to a licensed commercial facility.

3. Please provide the Fire Department and the Environmental Services Department with the chemical composition of any liquids anticipated to be used in fracking activities on the proposed drilling site.

Pursuant to Statewide Rule 29 and Natural Resources Code Section 91.851, Laredo Energy reports the chemicals used in the frac fluid to a national database known as Frac Focus. The composition of the frac fluids is not determined until after the well is drilled. At that time, Laredo Energy shall provide the chemical composition to the City of Laredo.

4. Please provide the Parks and Recreation Department and the Environmental Services Department with site closure and restoration plans to natural conditions after the proposed well is removed.

The subject well may be operational for more than twenty years. Site closure and restoration plans have not been contemplated at this time. Laredo Energy customarily confers with the landowner to restore the site to the original or other desired condition.

5. Please provide the City Attorney's office with proof of liability insurance providing coverage for damages caused to public streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, and other public or private property, that might result from the proposed drilling activity.

Attached is a copy of the insurance certificate previously provided to the City of Laredo.

6. Please provide the Environmental Services Department with the company's plans to address noise and light pollution, and dust control, as a result of the proposed drilling activities.

Twenty foot noise abatement walls will be installed on the edge of the pad to reduce noise and will also be positioned to help reduce the impact of lighting. Vacuum trucks with sprayers are utilized to control dust on the pad site and roads.

7. Will the company provide the Environmental Services Department with a geotechnical study inspecting subsoil conditions on the affected property and potential for contamination from the proposed drilling activities?

Laredo Energy will conduct a Pre-Drill Site Assessment to analyze the subsoil conditions.

8. Will the company provide the Fire Department with a Topographical map showing locations of any proposed temporary ponds on the drilling site and route of downstream water/sludge flow in case of the rupture of a levee?

This will be included in the Pre-Drill Environmental Site Assessment. The site assessment will determine the best approach for runoff/discharge.

9. Is it likely that these wells will ever require compression, and if so, is it feasible to use electric compressors rather than diesel?

These wells may require compression in the future. If so, the compressor will most likely be fueled by natural gas produced on the lease. Laredo Energy typically confers with the landowner to determine the site for a compressor.

10. What air emissions are expected during the drilling process and during the production phase, including emissions that may come from compressors and from produced water storage, and what monitoring devices are available to identify exposures?

Emissions during drilling operations will be from fuel combustion engines and tank emissions will be vented during the production phase.

11. Will the company agree to monitor and report to the Environmental Services Department the air quality of the drilling site and the surrounding area both during and after completion?

Before, during, and after completion, Laredo Energy will conduct an air quality assessment of the drilling site and at least one more site in the surrounding area. The results of these assessments will be shared with the City of Laredo.

12. Will the company agree to use a lightning arrester?

Flame arresters are installed on storage tanks. Lightning rods will also be used. Also, it is standard practice to ground all steel tanks.

13. Will the company agree to on-site, unannounced, random inspections by both code enforcement and/or the Laredo Fire Department?

To the extent that the City of Laredo is requesting consent for additional or different inspections that exceed the current parameters of the governing ordinances, then Laredo Energy is willing to consider any proposals. For safety reasons, all city inspectors must be escorted on the lease premises.

14. Will the company agree to setup multiple air quality monitoring stations that provide real-time online date?

Laredo Energy believes that the installation and operation of air quality monitoring stations is the purview of TCEQ, which already maintains three such stations in the City of Laredo.

15. Will the company agree to use an entrance other than the Green Ranch neighborhood entrance?

For clarity, Laredo Energy and its subcontractors have never used the Green Ranch neighborhood entrance (Peoples Blvd), only Verde Blvd off of Mines Road. However, we previously advised residents of Green Ranch that Laredo Energy would voluntarily seek an alternate entrance.

16. Will the company agree to use a closed system to mitigate contamination and air emissions?

A closed loop system will be used in lieu of an earthen pit during drilling operations.

17. Will the company agree to use an all-electric rig to drill the well and to setup wind socks at the green ranch neighborhood?

The city ordinance requires an "all-electric" rig where any residential structure is within six hundred (600) feet of the well. The proposed well site is greater than twenty three hundred (2300) feet from any residential structure.

There is no such thing as an "all-electric" rig. There are alternating current (AC), silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCR) and mechanical rigs, all of which are powered by diesel engines. The specifications for the drilling unit were previously submitted with the permit application, as requested. The proposed drilling unit is powered by four Caterpillar diesel engines.

Laredo Energy will setup wind socks where we are permitted to do so and subject to landowner approval.

18. Will the company agree to only use potable water to wet down the drilling pad and caliche road in order to mitigate dust contamination?

Laredo Energy will use water from one of the existing water wells on the Hachar lease to reduce dust from operations. In addition, an alternate entrance to the lease has been selected which will significantly reduce the amount of dust generated by traffic near the Green Ranch neighborhood. 19. Will the company agree to monitor the venting of any tank batteries that are located on site?

Laredo Energy will continue to have tank battery monitoring in a manner that is consistent with standard operating procedure, industry practices, and TCEQ regulations.

20. Will the company agree to keep post completion activities isolated to only during working hours unless an emergency?

Yes, post completion activities being defined as after the well has been turned to sales and activities to be conducted during daylight hours.

21. Will the company agree to use an electric compressor if one is needed?

Please see response to Question 9.

22. How far is the drilling site from the proposed residential development that the land-owners plan on building?

Laredo Energy has not been provided this information by the landowner and is not privy to future development plans.

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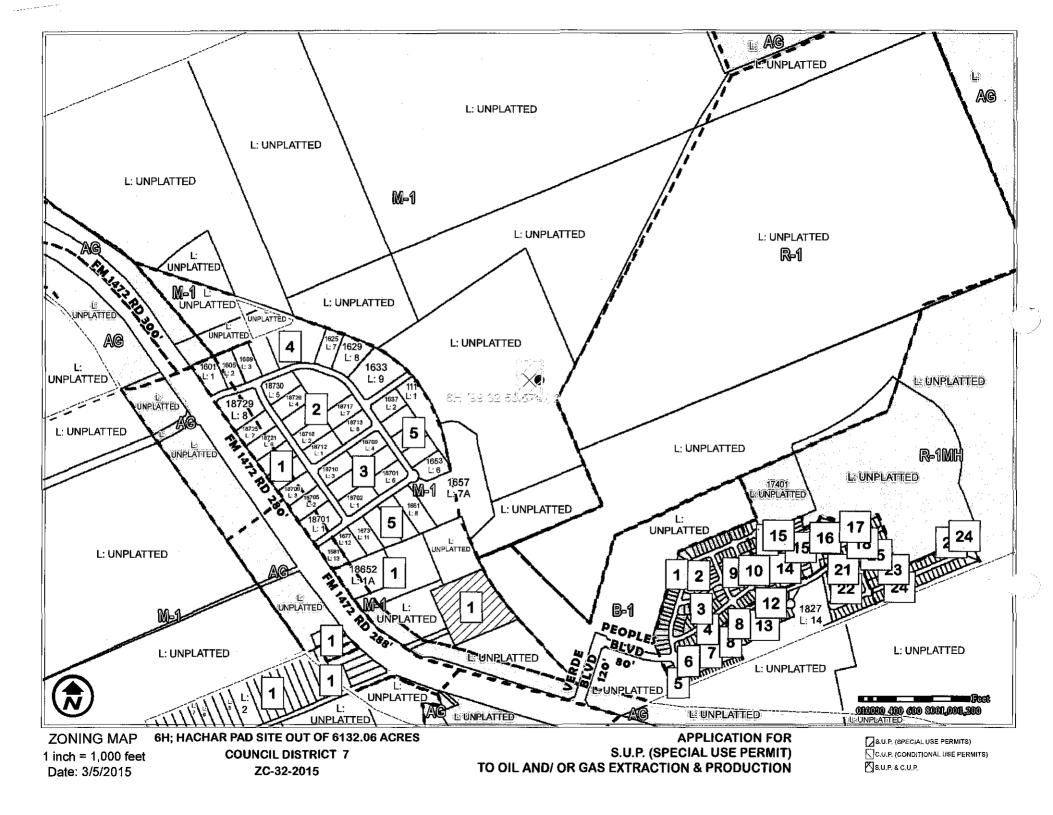
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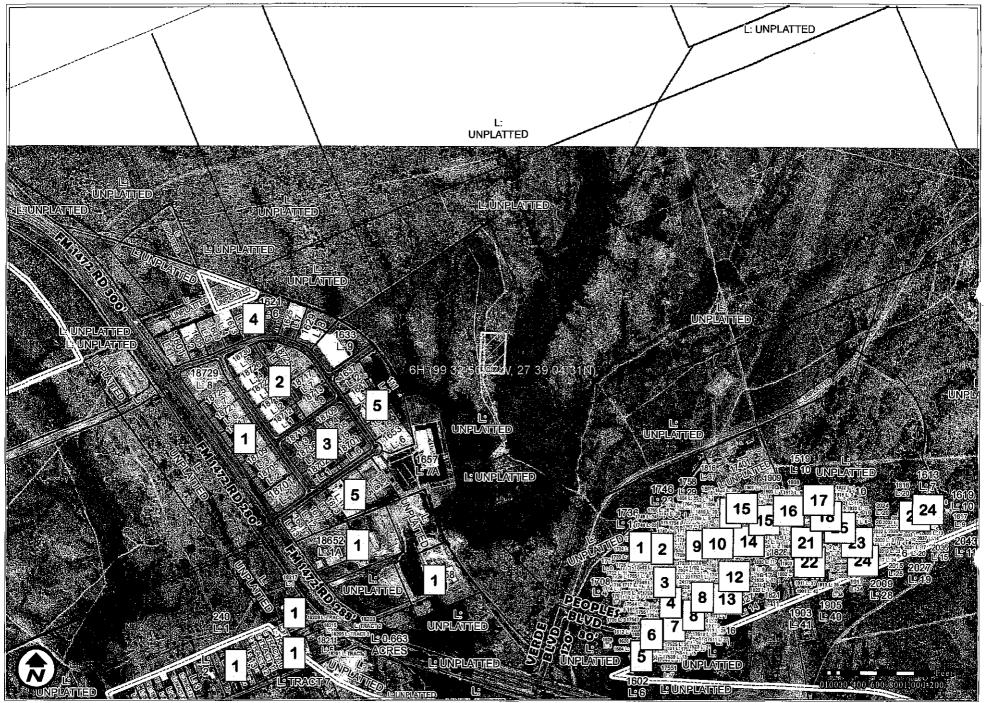
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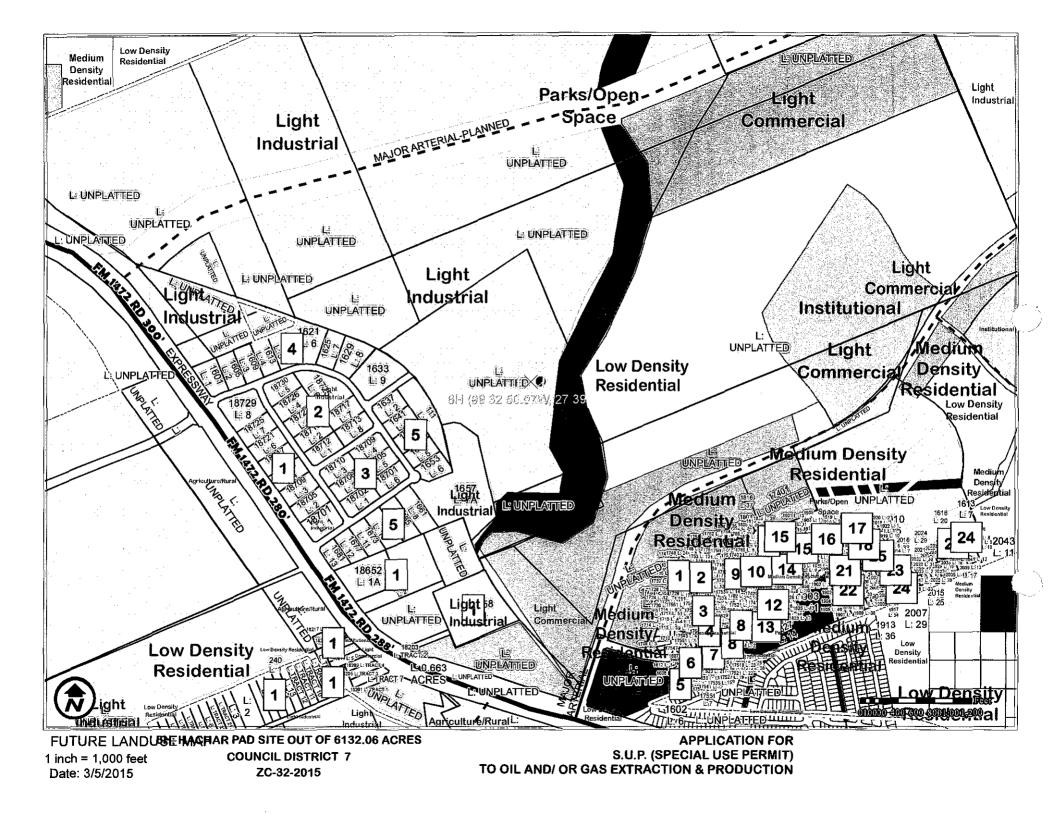
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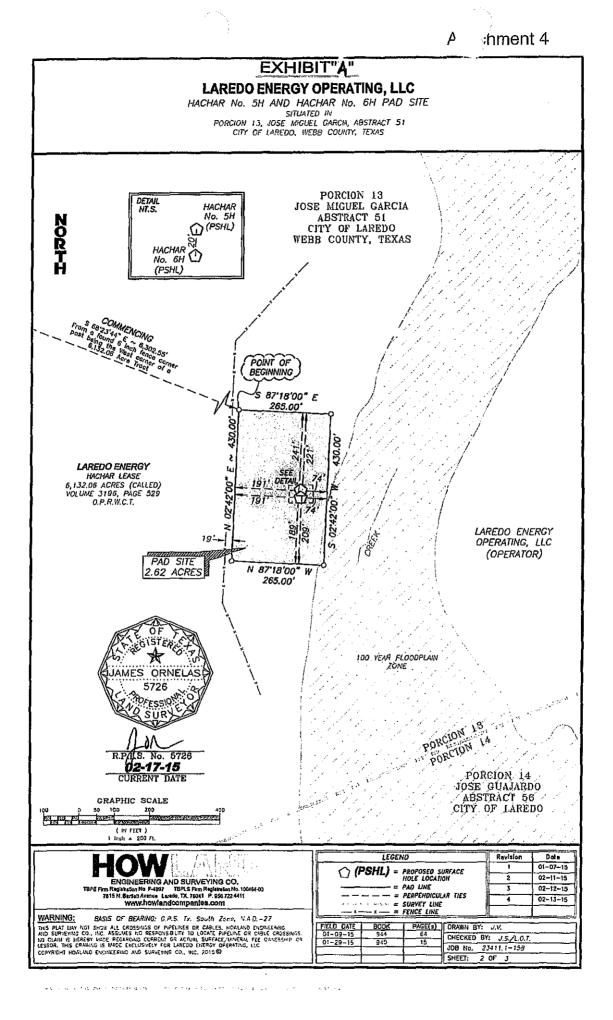




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The undersigned, on behalf of Laredo Energy VI, L.P. ("Laredo Energy"), hereby states as follows:

- 1. Laredo Energy agrees to present any evidence to the Laredo City Council, in addition to that which is required under Section 24-73 of the Land Development Code, as may be requested by the City Council.
- 2. To the best of Laredo Energy's belief, the proposed drilling, completion, and production operations can be conducted safely.
- 3. Laredo Energy hereby authorizes the City of Laredo to expend such funds as may be necessary under the direction and advice of the Texas Railroad Commission, under the circumstances, to regain well control.
- 4. Laredo Energy hereby agrees to file with the Office of the Superintendent and/or Planning and Zoning Department the reports required under Section 24-73 of the Land Development Code.

Signed on this the 2/5+ day of January, 2015.

LAREDO ENERGY VI, L.P. Laredo Energy VI GP, LLC By: Its general partner

By:

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Kenneth A. Cravens, VP-Land

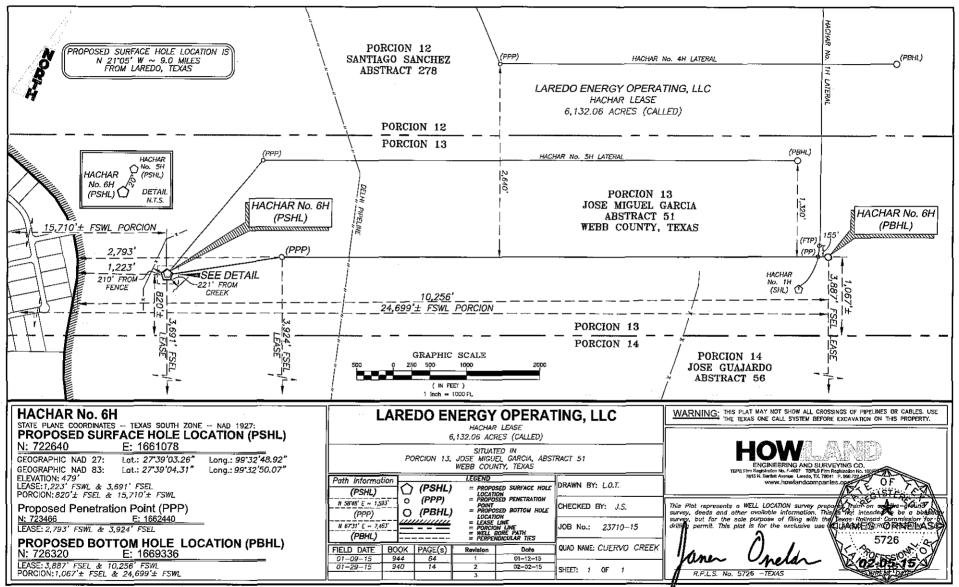
THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HARRIS §

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by Kenneth A. Cravens, Vice President-Land, Laredo Energy VI, L.P., this 21/4 day of January, 2015, in the capacity stated.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

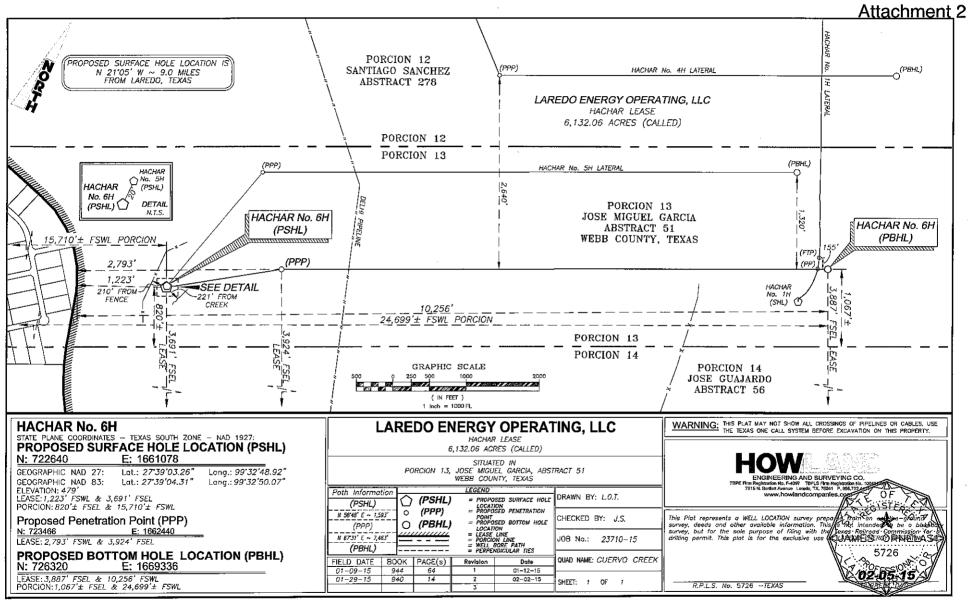
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May 22, 2015

Nathan Bratton Director City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Department 1120 San Bernardo Ave. Laredo, Texas 78040

### Re: Special Use Permit Applications – Laredo Energy Wells #5H and #6H

Dear Mr. Bratton:

Enclosed please find Laredo Energy's responses to the items mentioned by Councilman George Altgelt at the Laredo City Council meeting on Monday, which you listed in your correspondence to me on May 19, 2015.

As you know, at the most recent Council Meeting, Laredo Energy requested that there be no further delay with respect to the vote on the permit applications. There have been three postponements which have resulted in a serious risk of substantial economic harm. Frankly, at this point, economic losses due to the delays are probably unavoidable. Moreover, we do not understand, and frankly take exception to, the current status of the applications in approval process. We believe that it was inappropriate to remand these permit applications because they comply with Section 24-73 of the City of Laredo Land Development Code and were already approved by city staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Importantly, we further believe the remand is improper because its explicit purpose is the consideration of items, many of which are not part of the subject ordinance or inconsistent with governing law.

With all of that said, Laredo Energy is participating in the upcoming Commission and Council meetings with the intent of expediting approval of the permit applications and mitigating damages. Incidentally, we appreciate your efforts to schedule special meetings to keep the permit applications on track for final approval on June 1, 2015. Moreover, Laredo Energy representatives may acknowledge at the meeting that there is already conformity with some of the items as part of current standard procedure. They may even say that Laredo Energy is willing to comply with other items. These statements should not be construed as formal and binding commitments. Instead, Laredo Energy does not intend to negotiate or execute a contractual relationship with the City of Laredo and reserves all rights under applicable law.

May 22, 2015 Mr. Bratton Page 2

Sincerely,

Adolfo Campero, Jr.

Enclosures

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1. Does the company have a water management plan for handling fluids that flow back to the surface? If so, please provide copy to Fire Department and Environmental Services Department.

There is no "water management plan" for handling flowback fluids. All fluids from flowback operations are contained in surface tanks and subsequently transported via vacuum trucks to a licensed commercial disposal facility. The tanks are inspected prior to use. There are crews on-site on a 24 hours basis during the flowback period which lasts 7-10 days.

2. Does the company have a drainage plan to control the release of stormwater and to maintain the quality of the released stormwater? If so, please provide copy of the plan to Fire Department and Environmental Services Department.

Once a permit is issued, a site assessment is conducted. At this time, a determination is made on the location and size of a retention pond to catch storm water. The water is hauled off to a licensed commercial facility.

3. Please provide the Fire Department and the Environmental Services Department with the chemical composition of any liquids anticipated to be used in fracking activities on the proposed drilling site.

Pursuant to Statewide Rule 29 and Natural Resources Code Section 91.851, Laredo Energy reports the chemicals used in the frac fluid to a national database known as Frac Focus. The composition of the frac fluids is not determined until after the well is drilled. At that time, Laredo Energy shall provide the chemical composition to the City of Laredo.

4. Please provide the Parks and Recreation Department and the Environmental Services Department with site closure and restoration plans to natural conditions after the proposed well is removed.

The subject well may be operational for more than twenty years. Site closure and restoration plans have not been contemplated at this time. Laredo Energy customarily confers with the landowner to restore the site to the original or other desired condition.

5. Please provide the City Attorney's office with proof of liability insurance providing coverage for damages caused to public streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, and other public or private property, that might result from the proposed drilling activity.

Attached is a copy of the insurance certificate previously provided to the City of Laredo.

6. Please provide the Environmental Services Department with the company's plans to address noise and light pollution, and dust control, as a result of the proposed drilling activities.

Twenty foot noise abatement walls will be installed on the edge of the pad to reduce noise and will also be positioned to help reduce the impact of lighting. Vacuum trucks with sprayers are utilized to control dust on the pad site and roads.

7. Will the company provide the Environmental Services Department with a geotechnical study inspecting subsoil conditions on the affected property and potential for contamination from the proposed drilling activities?

Laredo Energy will conduct a Pre-Drill Site Assessment to analyze the subsoil conditions.

8. Will the company provide the Fire Department with a Topographical map showing locations of any proposed temporary ponds on the drilling site and route of downstream water/sludge flow in case of the rupture of a levee?

This will be included in the Pre-Drill Environmental Site Assessment. The site assessment will determine the best approach for runoff/discharge.

9. Is it likely that these wells will ever require compression, and if so, is it feasible to use electric compressors rather than diesel?

These wells may require compression in the future. If so, the compressor will most likely be fueled by natural gas produced on the lease. Laredo Energy typically confers with the landowner to determine the site for a compressor.

10. What air emissions are expected during the drilling process and during the production phase, including emissions that may come from compressors and from produced water storage, and what monitoring devices are available to identify exposures?

Emissions during drilling operations will be from fuel combustion engines and tank emissions will be vented during the production phase.

11. Will the company agree to monitor and report to the Environmental Services Department the air quality of the drilling site and the surrounding area both during and after completion?

Before, during, and after completion, Laredo Energy will conduct an air quality assessment of the drilling site and at least one more site in the surrounding area. The results of these assessments will be shared with the City of Laredo.

12. Will the company agree to use a lightning arrester?

Flame arresters are installed on storage tanks. Lightning rods will also be used. Also, it is standard practice to ground all steel tanks.

13. Will the company agree to on-site, unannounced, random inspections by both code enforcement and/or the Laredo Fire Department?

To the extent that the City of Laredo is requesting consent for additional or different inspections that exceed the current parameters of the governing ordinances, then Laredo Energy is willing to consider any proposals. For safety reasons, all city inspectors must be escorted on the lease premises.

14. Will the company agree to setup multiple air quality monitoring stations that provide real-time online date?

Laredo Energy believes that the installation and operation of air quality monitoring stations is the purview of TCEQ, which already maintains three such stations in the City of Laredo.

15. Will the company agree to use an entrance other than the Green Ranch neighborhood entrance?

For clarity, Laredo Energy and its subcontractors have never used the Green Ranch neighborhood entrance (Peoples Blvd), only Verde Blvd off of Mines Road. However, we previously advised residents of Green Ranch that Laredo Energy would voluntarily seek an alternate entrance.

16. Will the company agree to use a closed system to mitigate contamination and air emissions?

A closed loop system will be used in lieu of an earthen pit during drilling operations.

17. Will the company agree to use an all-electric rig to drill the well and to setup wind socks at the green ranch neighborhood?

The city ordinance requires an "all-electric" rig where any residential structure is within six hundred (600) feet of the well. The proposed well site is greater than twenty three hundred (2300) feet from any residential structure.

There is no such thing as an "all-electric" rig. There are alternating current (AC), silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCR) and mechanical rigs, all of which are powered by diesel engines. The specifications for the drilling unit were previously submitted with the permit application, as requested. The proposed drilling unit is powered by four Caterpillar diesel engines.

Laredo Energy will setup wind socks where we are permitted to do so and subject to landowner approval.

18. Will the company agree to only use potable water to wet down the drilling pad and caliche road in order to mitigate dust contamination?

Laredo Energy will use water from one of the existing water wells on the Hachar lease to reduce dust from operations. In addition, an alternate entrance to the lease has been selected which will significantly reduce the amount of dust generated by traffic near the Green Ranch neighborhood. 19. Will the company agree to monitor the venting of any tank batteries that are located on site?

Laredo Energy will continue to have tank battery monitoring in a manner that is consistent with standard operating procedure, industry practices, and TCEQ regulations.

20. Will the company agree to keep post completion activities isolated to only during working hours unless an emergency?

Yes, post completion activities being defined as after the well has been turned to sales and activities to be conducted during daylight hours.

21. Will the company agree to use an electric compressor if one is needed?

Please see response to Question 9.

22. How far is the drilling site from the proposed residential development that the land-owners plan on building?

Laredo Energy has not been provided this information by the landowner and is not privy to future development plans.