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RE: Permit Application
BNP Petroleum Corporation Plum/Plum Deep Prospect
Surface Location - State Tract 211
Bottom hole Location - Padre Island National Seashore

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following:

1. BNP Petroleum Corporation's COE application for a permit to drill the subject well from a surface location on Laguna Madre State Tract 211 to a bottom hole location underlying Padre Island National Seashore; and
2. BNP's request for waiver of the National Park Service Plan of Operations permitting requirements for the same activity, which request is being submitted pursuant to 36 CFR 9.33(e).

The permit application enclosed herewith contemplates only the dredging and drilling activities, together with the creation of a beneficial use island with the material recovered from dredging. As you both know, BNP is currently conducting field research and analysis of potential pipeline and facilities locations. BNP anticipates completing this process regarding pipeline and facilities within the next three or four weeks. However, numerous uncertainties still exist, including the assessment of measures to avoid wetlands, the assessment of methods of pipeline installation, and further assessment of the use of the previously disturbed Vector site for production facilities. BNP understands that it can submit a separate application at a later date for the pipeline and production facilities in accordance with the COE permitting process. Further, 36 CFR 9.30(c) specifically contemplates that the National Park Service can approve Plans of Operations limited to the phase of operations contemplated. Indeed, section 9.30 specifically contemplates that a permit for production facilities may be handled separately from the exploration permit.

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Again, BNP intends to submit a subsequent Corps of Engineers permit application and Plan of Operations for its pipeline and production facilities in the near future. However, BNP respectfully requests that the permit application and request for waiver submitted herewith be processed without any delay and independent from the subsequent applications for the pipeline and facilities.

As always, BNP appreciates your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence or any of the materials enclosed herewith, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

BNP PETROLEUM CORPORATION



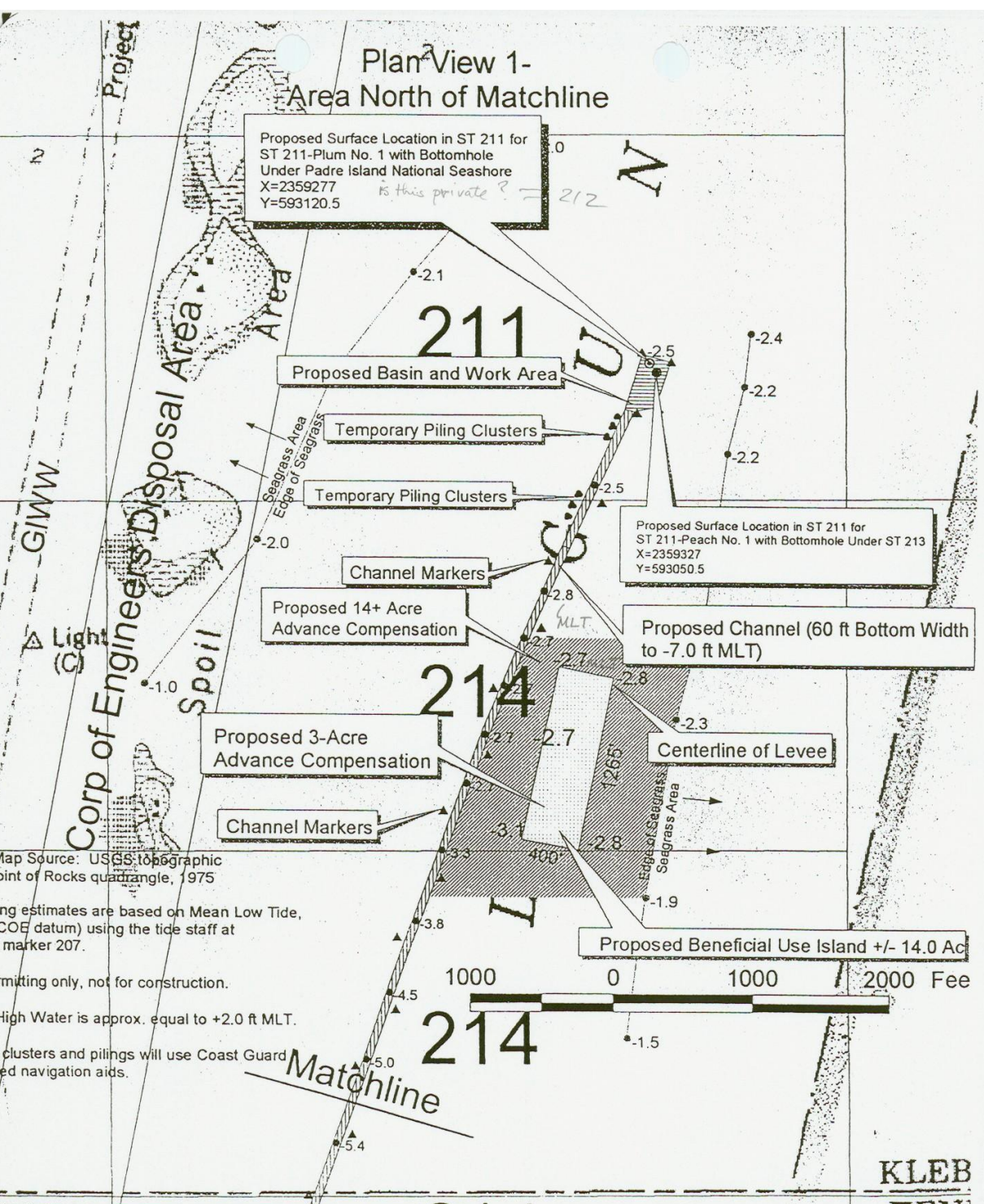
H. Scott Taylor
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Enclosures

Plan View 1- Area North of Matchline

Proposed Surface Location in ST 211 for
ST 211-Plum No. 1 with Bottomhole
Under Padre Island National Seashore
X=2359277
Y=593120.5

Is this private? 212



Notes: Base Map Source: USGS topographic
map Point of Rocks quadrangle, 1975

Sounding estimates are based on Mean Low Tide,
(MLT, COE datum) using the tide staff at
GIWW marker 207.

For permitting only, not for construction.

Mean High Water is approx. equal to +2.0 ft MLT.

All pile clusters and pilings will use Coast Guard
approved navigation aids.

PROPOSED DREDGING OF ACCESS ROUTES, BASIN, AND
WORK AREA FOR SURFACE LOCATION IN ST 211 FOR ST 211-PLUM NO. 1
WITH BOTTOMHOLE LOCATION UNDER PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL
SEASHORE AND SURFACE LOCATION IN ST 211 FOR ST 211-PEACH NO. 1 WITH
BOTTOMHOLE LOCATION UNDER PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
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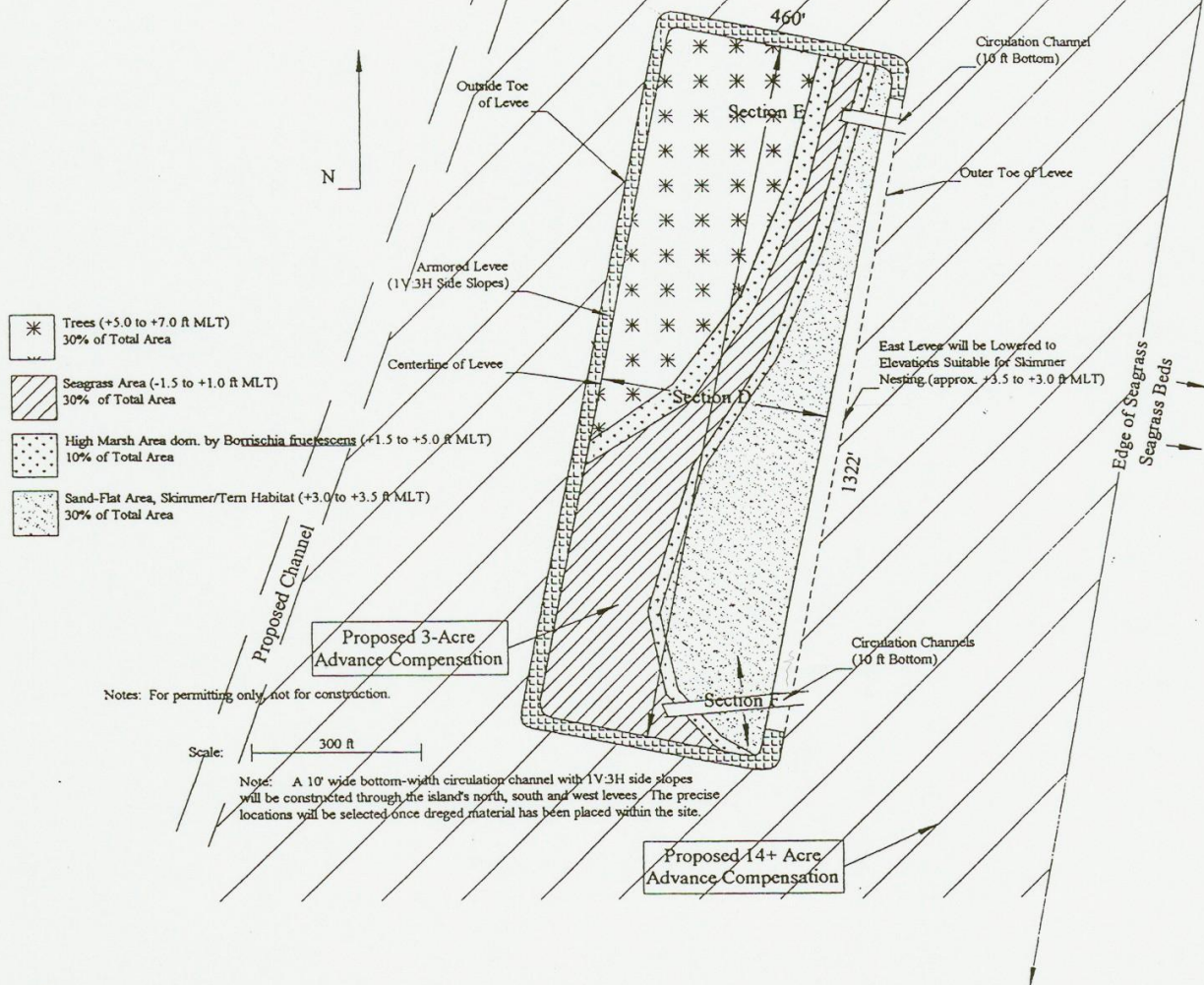
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KLEB
COUNTY

Plan View-Proposed Beneficial Use Island
+/- 14.0 Acres Total Area



PROPOSED DREDGING OF ACCESS ROUTES, BASIN, AND WORK AREA FOR SURFACE LOCATION IN ST 211 FOR ST 211-PLUM NO. 1 WITH BOTTOMHOLE LOCATION UNDER PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE AND SURFACE LOCATION IN ST 211 FOR ST 211-PEACH NO. 1 WITH BOTTOMHOLE LOCATION UNDER PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE LAGUNA MADRE, KLEBERG COUNTY, TX

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