## State of New Mexico ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



February 21, 1995

PermOK Oil, Inc.

c/o Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley

Attn: James Bruce P. O. Box 2068

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2068

RE:

Administrative Application for an 80-acre Non-Standard Gas Spacing and Proration Unit in the Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool for its proposed Leonard Brothers "A" Federal Well No. 2 consisting of the N/2 NW/4 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Bruce:

The subject application was received by the Division on February 9, 1995, on February 20, 1995 an objection was received from Meridian Oil, Inc., see copy of letter attached. This matter will therefore be set for hearing before a Division Hearing Examiner on the March 16, 1995 docket. PermOK Oil, Inc. will be required to provide notice pursuant to Division General Rule 1207.A(6) and to submit a "Pre-hearing Statement" as requested by Division Memorandum 2-90, dated April 30, 1990 (see copy attached). You should also be ready to present evidence as to why a standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NW/4 of said Section 23 can not be formed either voluntary or through forced pooling.

It would appear that PermOK Oil, Inc. has a case docketed on March 2, 1995 before the Division in a matter that is similar to the above-referenced application in as much as the same proposed well is to be dedicated to a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool comprising the SW/4 NE/4, N/2 NW/4, and SE/4 NW/4 of said Section 23. The Division at this time will have Case 11214, which is the proposed 160-acre unit, continued to the March 16, 1995 Examiners Hearing. This will help to alleviate confusion, help defray costs, and give PermOK the chance to explain further why they can not or choose not to develop this gas production in the normal 160-acre-quarter section pattern already in existence.

Should you have any questions, please contact me in Santa Fe at (505) 827-8185.

Sincerely.

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad

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File: Case 11214

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## HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Examiner Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Re:

Application of PermOK Oil, Inc. for an 80-acre Non-Standard Gas Proration and Spacing Unit in the Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool for its Leonard Brothers "A" Federal Well No.2 consisting of the N/2NW/4 of Section 23, T26S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Stogner:

By letter dated February 9, 1995, James Bruce, attorney for PermOK Oil Inc., informed Meridian Oil Inc. of the referenced application pending before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

In accordance with Division rules, this letter constitutes Meridian Oil Inc.'s objection to the PermOK Oil Inc. request for approval of the referenced non-standard proration and spacing unit.

Please advise us when this matter will be set for hearing so that we can be available to present our evidence in opposition.

W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: James Bruce, Esq.

Attorney for PermOK Oil Inc.

cc: Meridian Oil Inc. (Midland)
Attn: Trey Sheperd