

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11565

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL-GAS WELL LOCATION,
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by MERIDIAN OIL INC as
required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Meridian Oil Inc. seeks to drill an "Off Pattern" Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool well at an unorthodox well location 1850 feet FSL and 940 feet FEL of Section 5, T29N, R7W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to test for production.

Meridian Oil Inc. is the operator of the San Juan 29-7 Well No. 505 (a Fruitland Coal Gas Well located in the NE/4 of Section 5) and desires to drill the subject well as a replacement for this well.

An off pattern well location in the SE/4 of Section 5 is requested in order to be in closer proximity to the "over-pressured envelope" in this area.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

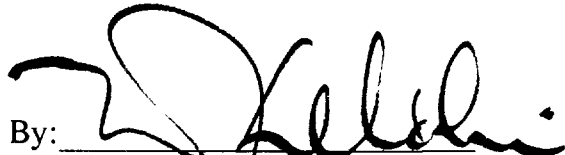
APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander (landman)	10 Min.	est. 4
Greg Jennings (geologist)	10 Min	est. 4
Mark Castiglione (petroleum engineer)	10 Min.	est. 4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None at this time.

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