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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:

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CASE NO. 10604

**APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.  
FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL  
LOCATION, SAN JUAN 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

Meridian Oil Inc.  
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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

ATTORNEY

N/A

**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

Meridian Oil Inc., Applicant, seeks approval to drill a replacement coal gas well within an existing standard 315.76 acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 3 through 6, and 11 through 14 (W/2 Equivalent) of Section 33, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, at an unorthodox coal gas well location within the NW/4 equivalent of said Section 33 that is no closer than 790 feet to any outer boundary of the proration unit nor closer than 130 feet to the quarter section line bisecting the unit nor closer than 10 feet to the subdivision inner boundaries within the NW/4 equivalent of said Section 33. Said unit is presently dedicated to the Johnston Federal Well No. 28 located at a standard coal gas well location 2255 feet from the South line and 1065 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 33, which will either be plugged and abandoned or used as a pressure observation well after the replacement well is completed.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander Landman	10 Minutes	2 Exhibits
Greg Jennings Geologist	20 Minutes	3 Exhibits
Jim Falconi Petroleum Engineer	20 Minutes	3 Exhibits

OPPOSITION

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SEE OPPOSITION FILING, IF ANY		

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None applicable at this time.

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