

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

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

CASE NO. 10632

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

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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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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

ATTORNEY

N/A

STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Meridian Oil Inc., Applicant, seeks approval to drill a coal gas well in an "off-pattern" location in the SE/4 of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 8 West, NMPM (Unit I) to be dedicated to a Basin Fruitland Coal Gas spacing unit consisting of the E/2 of said Section 17.

The off-pattern location is necessary because:

(a) Other off-pattern wells have been previously approved and drilled offsetting the subject spacing unit;

(b) There is an apparent permeability transition in this immediate area such that the proposed location is the optimum location in the spacing unit for the well; and

(c) There are topographical features limiting the available locations.

The pooling is necessary because there is a lease without a pooling clause which covers the S/2SE/4 of said Section 17, and because UNOCAL Corporation has not signed the necessary documents to commit its interest to the well. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling the well.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

NONE

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander Landman	10 Minutes	2 Exhibits
Greg Jennings Geologist	20 Minutes	4 Exhibits
Jim Falconi Petroleum Engineer	20 Minutes	4 Exhibits

OPPOSITION

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NONE		

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None applicable at this time.

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