



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. 10745

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.
FOR AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION
AND FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,
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 approval to downhole commingle Choza Mesa-Pictured Cliffs Gas Pool and Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool production within the wellbore of its proposed Valdez #5 Well to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well "off pattern" location for the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. As set forth in its application, Meridian will establish, among other things, that:

(1) Ownership is identical within the spacing unit; correlative rights will not be impaired;

(2) The Valdez #5 Well is a new well to be drilled for commingled production;

(3) That in this instance, both Pictured Cliffs production and the coal gas production will be of such low productivity that neither can be economically produced unless it is downhole commingled with the other;

(4) No reservoir damage will occur;

(5) Approval will allow the economic recovery of gas which might otherwise be left in the reservoirs thereby preventing waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Greg Jennings (geologist)	20 min.	2
Alan Alexander (landman)	10 min.	4
John Clayton (petroleum engineer)	15 min.	2
Eric Bauer (drilling engineer)	10 min.	2

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

NONE.

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