



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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November 8, 1988

Meridian Oil, Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Case 9550

Attention: Peggy Bradfield

RE: Administrative Application for
an Unorthodox Gas Well
Location; San Juan 30-6 Unit
No. 443; G-36-30N-6W; Rio
Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

This application is being set to hearing before an examiner for the following reasons:

- 1) The dedicated acreage is only 115.04 acres, or 71.9% smaller than standard, this issue was not addressed in the application; and
- 2) There is presently a well 990 feet from the East line and 1800 feet from the North line which is in an area where supposedly there is a "steep cliff," this fact was not mentioned in this application. I was therefore led to believe that a location in that area where you have drawn contour lines is "impossible" to drill in, which does not seem to be the case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Stogner".

Michael E. Stogner
Engineer/Chief Hearing Officer

MES/ag

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

MERIDIAN OIL

October 10, 1988

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Case 9550

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location and a non-standard unit in the Undesignated Fruitland Pool.

It is intended to locate the Meridian Oil Inc.'s San Juan 30-6 Unit #443 at 2200' from the North line and 1360' from the East line of Section 36, T-30-N, R-6-W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

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encl.

WAIVER

_____ hereby waives objection to Meridian Oil Inc.'s application for an unorthodox location for their San Juan 30-6 Unit #443 as proposed above.

By: _____

Date: _____

cc: Northwest Pipeline

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

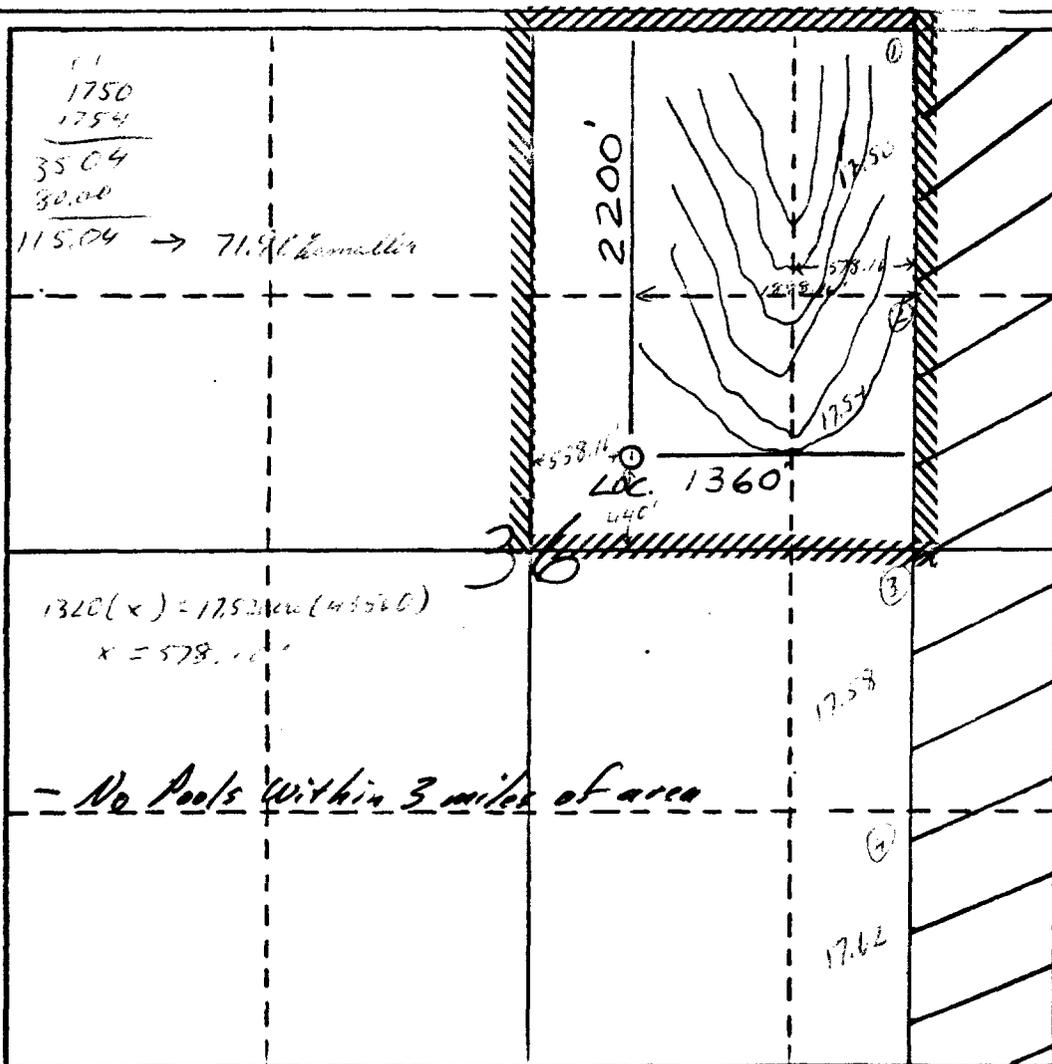
Operator El Paso Natural Gas			Lease San Juan 30-6 Unit(E-347-20)		Well No. 443
Unit Letter G	Section 36	Township 30 North	Range 6 West	County Rio Arriba	
Actual Postage Location of Wells: 2200 feet from the North line and 1360 feet from the East line					
Ground Level Elev. 6807	Producing Formation Fruitland Coal		Pool Undesignated		Dedicated Acreage: Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
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3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

Yes No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation unitization

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Division



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Regulatory Affairs

Position El Paso Natural Gas

Company _____

Date _____

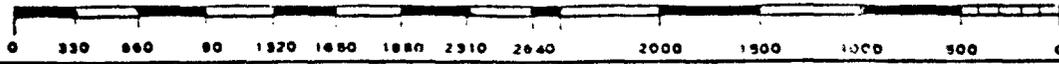
I hereby certify that the location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 8-29-83

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Neale C. Edwards

Certificate No. 6857



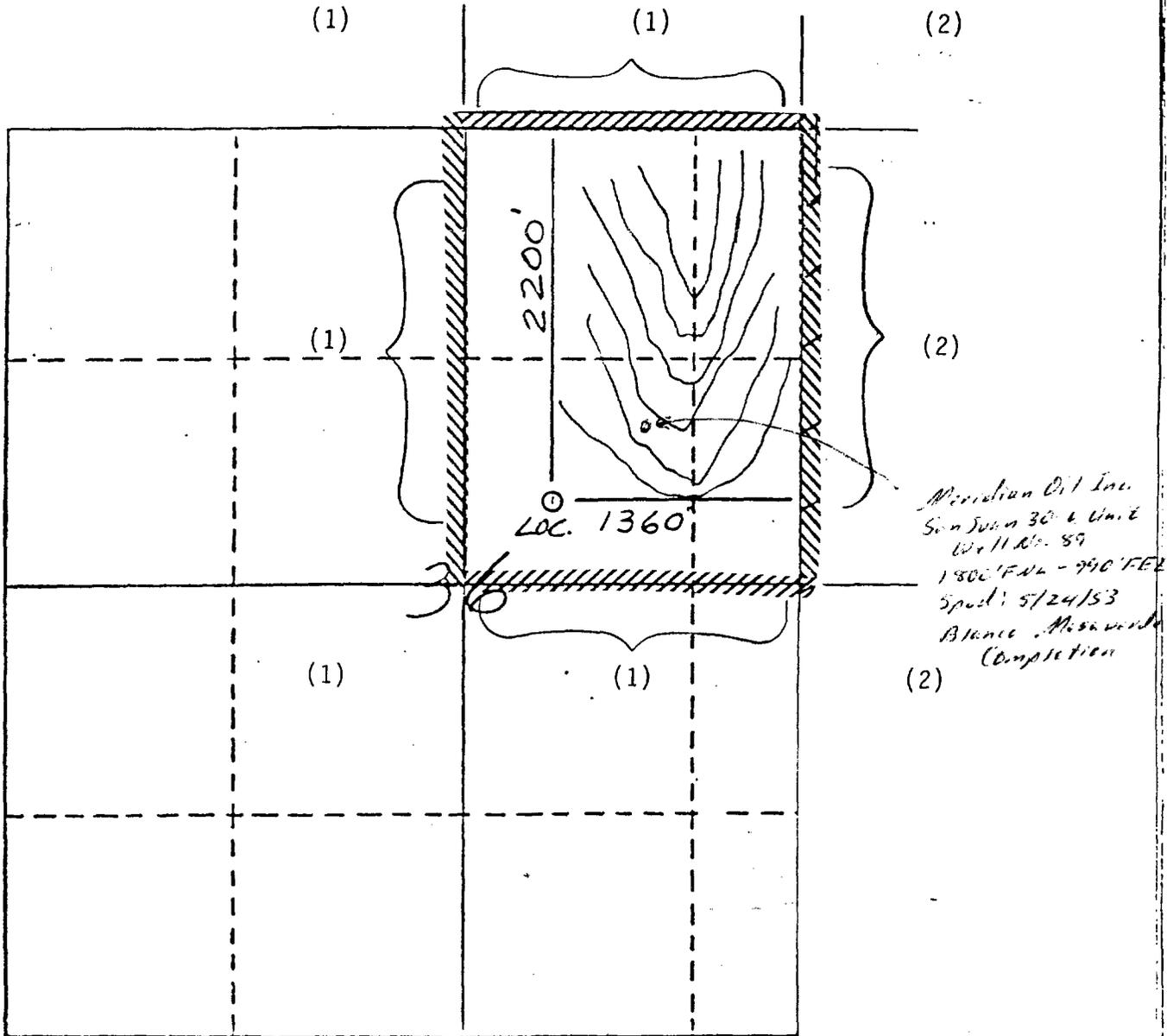
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Well Name San Juan 30-6 Unit #443, Undesignated Fruitland

Footage---- 2200' FNL; 1360' FEL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County Rio Arriba State New Mexico Section 36 Township 30N Range 6W



REMARKS: OFFSET OPERATORS:

(1) El Paso Natural Gas Company

(2) Northwest Pipeline Corporation

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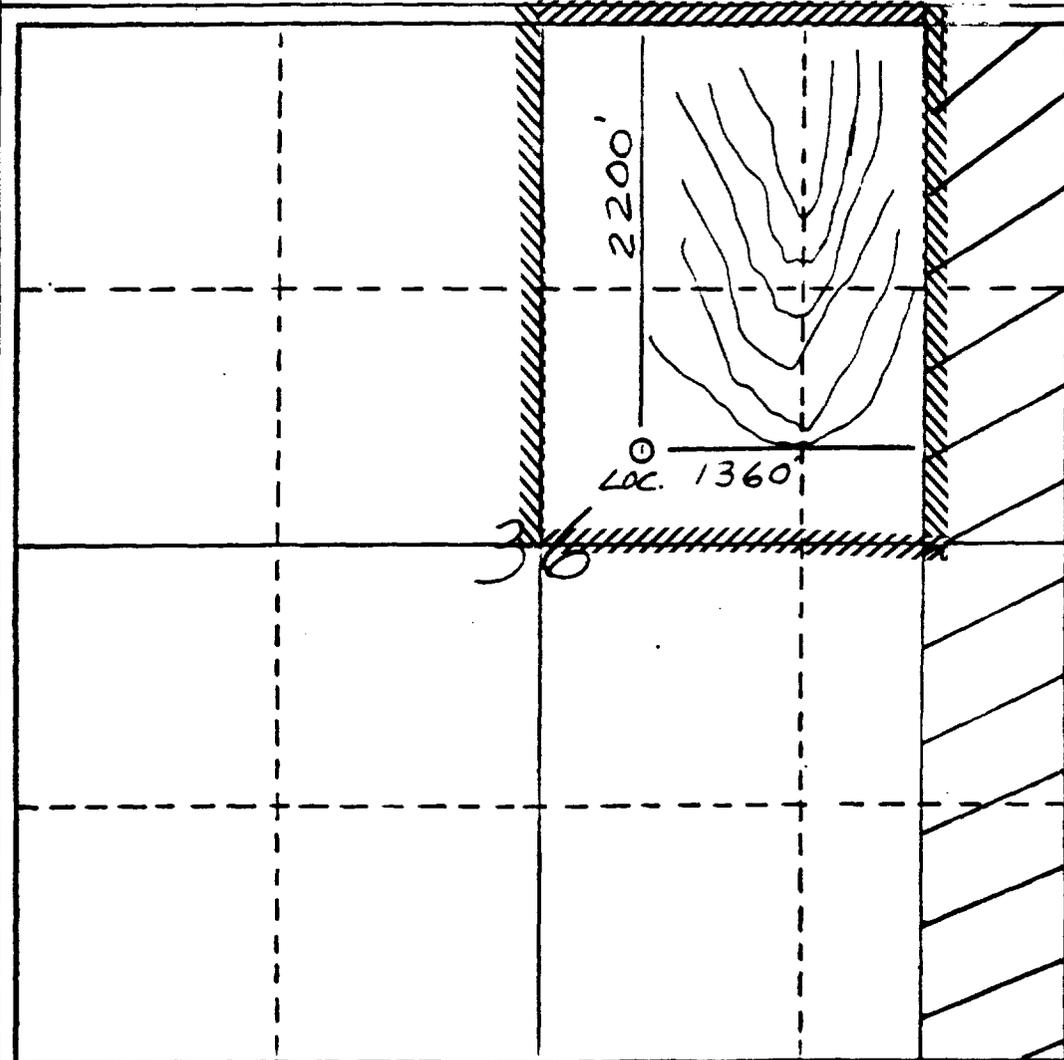
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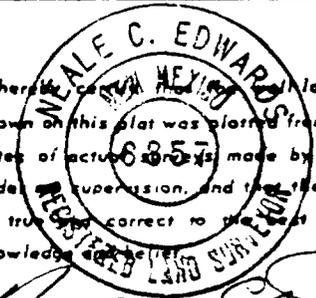


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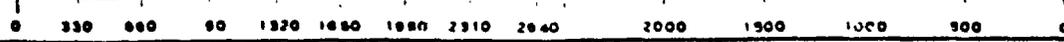
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AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

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SANTA FE

DATE 10-24-88

RE: Proposed MC _____
Proposed DIIC _____
Proposed NSL X _____
Proposed SWD _____
Proposed WFX _____
Proposed PMX _____

NSP X

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 10-12-88

for the MERIDIAN OIL INC S.J. 30-6 Unit #443 G-36-30N-6W
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

APPROVE

Yours truly,

Erin Burch