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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mr. William J. LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Application of Meridian Oil Inc.
for Unorthodox Well Location
Well Name: Delhi Com #300
San Juan County, New Mexico

Case 9649

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., please find enclosed our Application for an unorthodox location which we would request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now set for April 12, 1989.

By copy of this letter to all interested parties, we are notifying them by certified mail-return receipt, that they have the right to appear at the hearing, to make a statement to the Division, to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses either in support of or in opposition to the Application. Those parties are directed to contact the Division or the applicant's attorney to determine what additional rights they may have.

Very truly yours



W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/rs
Encl.

cc: Mr. Alan Alexander
Meridian Oil Inc.

Certified Mail-Return Receipt
to all parties listed on Exhibit A
of the Application, w/encl.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN
EXCEPTION TO RULE 7 OF ORDER R-8768
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 9649

A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW, MERIDIAN OIL INC., by and through its attorneys, Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order approving an unorthodox well location in the Basin Fruitland coal gas pool for its Delhi Com #300 Well to be drilled to a depth of approximately 2,600' at an unorthodox location 1,165' FWL and 790' FNL in Section 16, T30N, R8W, San Juan County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the W/2 of Section 16, T30N, R8W.

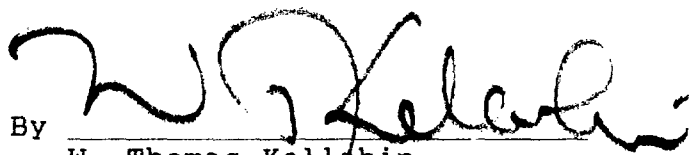
2. Applicant desires to drill a well in the Basin Fruitland coal gas pool at an unorthodox well location 1,165' FWL and 790' FNL in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 16 as shown on Exhibit B.

3. Rule 7 of Order R-8768 requires the subject well to be in either the NE/4 or the SW/4 of Section 16.

4. Pursuant to the Division notice requirements, applicant has notified all offsetting operators towards whom the subject well is unorthodox shown on Exhibit A of this application of the applicant's request for a hearing before the Division to be set on April 12, 1989.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order approving the application as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



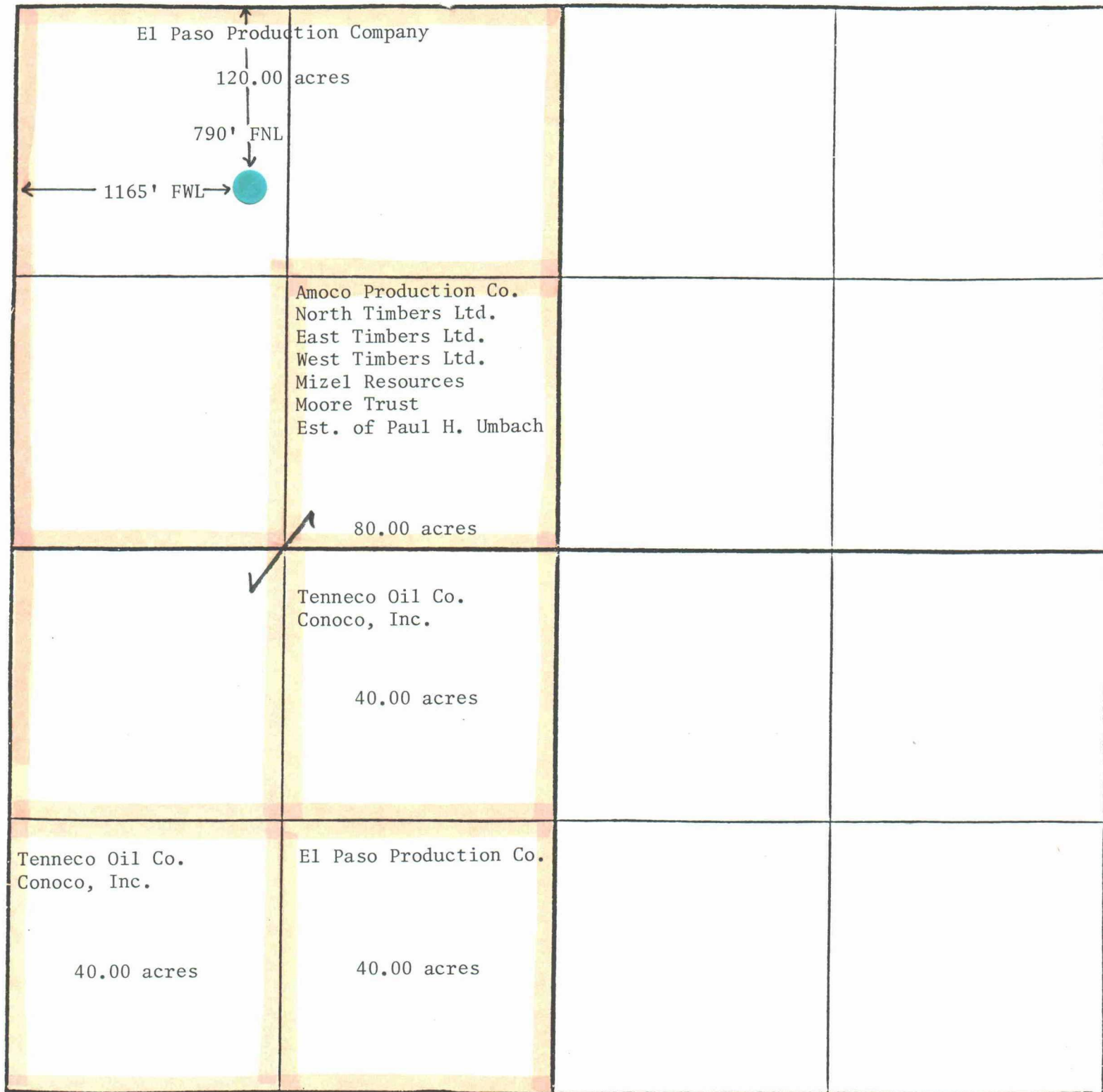
By
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EXHIBIT A

Amoco Production Company
(formerly Tenneco Oil Company interest)
P.O. Box 800
Englewood, Colorado 80201

Union Texas Petroleum Corporation
365 U.S. Highway 64
Farmington, New Mexico 87401



DELHI COM #300

Exhibit B