

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX
WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

CASE: 9116

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 approval of an unorthodox well location for its Benson "3" Federal #1 well, drilled and completed at a location 2,080 feet from the East line and 760 feet from the North line of Section 3, T19S, R30E, Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support thereof states:

1. Applicant has drilled and completed its Benson "3" Federal #1 well at a location 2080 feet from the East line and 760 feet from the North line of Section 3, T19S, R30E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

2. The subject well is located within a mile of the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool and is currently subject to Special Rules and Regulations of that pool, requiring that well be located no closer than 660 feet to the outer boundary of the 160-acre spacing units for that pool.

3. Applicant seeks to have the subject well approved as an unorthodox well location for the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool or in the alternative to have the subject well approved as an unorthodox gas well location if Yates Petroleum Corporations application in Case 9109 is granted, thereby amending and reclassifying the Benson Strawn Oil Pool as a Gas Pool.

4. The following are the offset operators believed to have an interest in this application and to which notification of this application has been sent in accordance with the provisions of Division Order R-8054.


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