

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 A
COMPULSORY POOLING ORDER
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE: 9536

A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW, MERIDIAN OIL, INC., by and through its attorneys, Campbell & Black, P.A., and in accordance with Section 70-2-17(c) NMSA (1978) applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all mineral interest in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the W/2 of Section 24, T30N, R9W, San Juan County, New Mexico. The above described unit is to be dedicated to its Riddle A Com #260 Well to be drilled to a depth of approximately 2395 feet at standard well location in said Section 24, and in support thereof would show:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the NE/4, SW/4 of Section 24, T30N R9W.
2. Applicant desires to drill a well at a standard location in the NE/SW of the Section 24.

3. Applicant, has sought a voluntary agreement with all those parties shown on Exhibit "A" for the formation of appropriate spacing and proration unit as shown on Exhibit B for the drilling of the subject well but has been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement.

4. Pursuant to the Division notice requirements, applicant has notified all those parties shown on Exhibit "A" of this application for compulsory pooling and the applicant's request for a hearing before the Division to be set on November 22, 1988.

5. In order to obtain its just and equitable share of the potential production underlying the above tract, applicant needs an order pooling the mineral interests involved in order to protect applicant's correlative rights and prevent waste.

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 pooling the mineral interest described herein. Applicant further prays that it be named operator of the well, and that the order make provisions for applicant to recover out of production its costs of drilling, completing and equipping the subject well, costs of operation, including costs of supervision, and a risk factor in the amount of 200% for the drilling and completing of the well, for such other and further relief as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

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EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Operating Agreement dated August 26, 1988, by and between MERIDIAN OIL INC., as Operator, and the other Signatory Parties thereto, as Non-Operators.

I. LANDS SUBJECT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT:

Township 30 North, Range 9 West

Section 24: W/2

II. RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, AS TO DEPTHS OR FORMATIONS:

This Agreement shall cover from the surface to the base of the Fruitland Formation.

III. ADDRESSES AND PERCENTAGES OR FRACTIONAL INTERESTS OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:

Meridian Oil Inc. c/o Land Department Meridian Oil Production Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289	Operator
El Paso Production Company c/o Land Department Meridian Oil Production Inc. P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, New Mexico 87499-4289	87.50%
Tenneco Oil Company Post Office Box 3249 Englewood, Colorado 80155	6.25%
Conoco Inc. Post Office Box 460 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240	6.25%