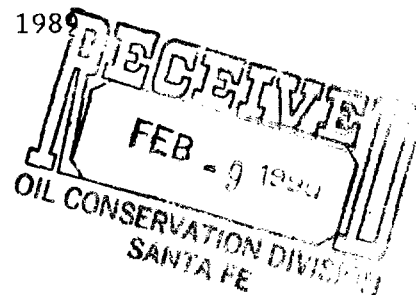


# MERIDIAN OIL

February 8, 1989

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Fina Oil and Chemical Company  
Attention: Mr. Robert E. Dempsey  
Post Office Box 2990  
Midland, Texas 79702



Re: Burroughs Com A #100  
E/2 Section 16, T-32-N, R-10-W  
San Juan County, New Mexico  
NMOCD Case No. 9544

Gentlemen:

Please reference our past correspondence on the captioned well. As you are aware Meridian Oil Inc. (Meridian) filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for compulsory pooling of the drilling unit for said well. After hearing the matter, the Oil Conservation Division has now issued Order No. R-8835, a copy of which is enclosed, pooling the acreage and interests necessary for drilling.

Meridian, pursuant to the terms of the enclosed order, is hereby notifying Fina of its right to participate in the well pursuant to this order. For your review, I am enclosing a copy of the itemized estimated well and facility costs, the Authority for Expenditure and the proposed Operating Agreement covering the well.

Meridian realizes that voluntary execution of a mutually acceptable Operating Agreement is the most desirable means of joinder. Given that, we will continue to be open to discussion towards that end. If such agreement is timely reached -- within the thirty (30) day decision period imposed by the order -- we will make application to either vacate the order or dismiss you from it.

If, however, you elect to participate in the well pursuant to the terms of the order you should do the following:

1. Evidence your election to participate by reviewing the estimated well costs and executing the enclosed Authority for Expenditure.
2. Prepay your 12.50% share of the \$515,486.00 total estimated completed well costs. The prepayment should be in the form of a cashiers check or certified bank check.

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February 8, 1989

The executed Authority for Expenditure and the prepayment of well costs must be returned to Meridian at the letterhead address within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter.

If you do not voluntarily join the well within the thirty (30) day period or if we do not receive your joinder pursuant to the referenced order within the thirty (30) day period, it will be assumed that you have elected not to participate in the well. Meridian, under the terms of the order, has the right to drill the well and recover your pro-rata share of reasonable well costs from production. Meridian will also be allowed to recover an additional one-hundred-fifty-six percent (156%) of reasonable well costs as a charge for bearing the risk of drilling the well.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please advise.

Very truly yours,



John Myrick  
Landman

JM:gm

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cc: Mr. Tom Kellahin (with AFE)

Mr. William LeMay, Director  
NMOCD (with AFE)

MERIDIAN OIL INC. FACILITIES WELL COST ESTIMATE

LEASE/WELL NAME: Burroughs Com A #100 Prepared By: WDW Date: 12-21-87  
 LEASE/WELL TYPE: Fruitland Coal Approved By: REF Date: 1/8/88  
 AFE Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By: ACW Date: 1/8/88

Acct.No.	AFE NOMENCLATURE	Estimate Cost	Estimate w/ waterline
247	FACILITIES		
02	Contract Labor.....		
03	Transportation.9 hrs/26 hrs @ \$60/hr.....	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>
10	Utilities, Fuel and Water.....		
12	Company Supervision and Overhead.....	<u>800</u>	<u>2000</u>
	.....2 days/8 days @ \$200/day.....		
26	Separators.24"X10', 1000 psi, 2 phase,vertical	<u>11,980</u>	<u>11,980</u>
	.....2 MCFD & 500 BPD.....		
27	Heater-Treater.....		
28	Iron Sponge.....		
29	Pumping Unit.....Moyno Unit.....	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
31	Pumping Unit Motor.....CE-96 Motor.....	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
32	Tanks.2-500 bbl heated @ \$5480, 50 bbl glass..	<u>12,860</u>	<u>12,860</u>
	.....pit @ \$1900 installed.....		
33	Metering Equipment .2" meter run, house, dry..	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
	....flow meter, fittings, & automation equip..		
34	Flow Lines.200'-1", 300'-2", 20 hrs location..	<u>3,020</u>	<u>3,020</u>
	.....labor @ \$116/hr.....		
35	Compressors - Company Owned.....		
36	Buildings.....		
38	Platforms - Offshore.....		
39	Miscellaneous: Piping, Valves, Fittings.....	<u>6,230</u>	<u>6,230</u>
	4-2" ball @ \$190, 2-2" chk @ \$360, 1", 2" misc		
	.....\$250, flow controller.....		
44	Engineering/Lab/Technical Contract Services...	<u>300</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	PL insp @ \$35/hr.....		
47	Compressor Rental.....		
48	Equipment Rental.....		
49	Cathodic Protection.Utility hookup & grnd bed.	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
50	Right of Way.Survey @ \$.46/ft, Archy @ \$.29/ft	<u>3,136</u>	<u>75,576</u>
	.....row @ \$1.21/ft.....		
51	Minor Pipelines.4" Sch-40 @ \$1.83, const. ...	<u>12,928</u>	<u>311,565</u>
	.....@ \$4.15/ft, 2.10/ft labor.		
52	Artificial Lift Equipment.....		
53	Chemical Pumps.....		
54	Electrical Accessories.....		
55	Miscellaneous - Facility Expense.5% contingency	<u>3,792</u>	<u>22,500</u>
94	Dehydration Unit.....	<u>12,928</u>	<u>12,928</u>
	TOTAL FACILITIES	<u>111,886</u>	<u>503,971</u>

## DRILLING WELL COST ESTIMATE

LEASE/WELL NAME: Burroughs Com A #100 PREPARED BY: J. D. Falconi DATE: 1/12/88  
 COUNTY/STATE: San Juan, New Mexico APPROVED BY: PJS SWJ/BDM DATE: 1-14-88  
 PROPOSED TOTAL DEPTH: 3350/3550 AFE TYPE: 01 Development

ACCT	AFE NOMENCLATURE	DRYHOLE COST (DAYS: _____)	SUSPENDED COST (DAYS: <u>20</u> )
248	<b>INTANGIBLE DRILLING COSTS</b>		
02	Environmental studies.....		1,000
03	Construction (location, roads, etc).....		27,000
04	Surface restoration.....		2,000
05	Move in, move out.....		
06	Contractor Fees-Footage ( <u>10.00</u> \$/FT)....		33,500
07	Contractor Fees-Daywork ( <u>3800</u> \$/Day)...		49,400
09	Drilling fluids.....		
10	Gas and air drilling.....		78,400
11	Drilling fluid handling equipment.....		
12	Specialty fluids and chemicals.....		
14	Salt/brine water.....		
16	Water.....		3,000
17	Bits, reamers and stabilizers.....		1,500
18	Primary cement, services and accessories.		10,000
19	Squeeze cement, services and accessories.		
20	Mud logging/paleo.....		2,000
21	Wireline logging.....		
22	Coring and analysis.....		
23	Fuel.....		4,000
24	BOP's and wellhead rentals - surface....		6,000
25	Drill/work string rentals - subsurface...		2,000
26	Fishing tool rentals.....		
27	Tank Rentals.....		1,200
28	Other rentals.....		50,300
29	Transportation.....		8,400
33	Tubular inspection.....		
34	Cased hole logs.....		
35	Perforating.....		10,000
36	Production Testing.....		
37	Swabbing and Coiled Tubing.....		
	Stimulation		
38	Acidizing.....		
39	Fracturing.....		
40	Casing crews and laydown.....		
43	Consultants.....		5,500
44	Engineering/Lab/Technical Contract Serv..		
45	Roustabout and contract labor.....		3,000
46	Miscellaneous.....		3,000
48	Communications Systems.....		500
72	Company supervision and overhead.....		8,000
	Contingency ( <u>5</u> %).....		15,500
	<b>TOTAL INTANGIBLE COST</b>		325,200
	<b>TANGIBLE DRILLING COSTS</b>		
80	Casing.....		
	<u>210</u> ' <u>9 5/8"</u> <u>32.30</u> # <u>H-40</u> \$ <u>15.97</u> /ft		45,300
	<u>3350</u> ' <u>7</u> " <u>20.0</u> # <u>K-55</u> \$ <u>11.24</u> /ft		
	<u>250</u> ' <u>5 1/2"</u> <u>23.0</u> # <u>P-110</u> \$ <u>16.99</u> /ft		
81	Tubing and Production Tiebacks.....		
	<u>3550</u> ' <u>2 7/8"</u> <u>6.5</u> # <u>J-55</u> \$ <u>4.40</u> /ft		15,600
82	Downhole equipment-packers/bridge plugs..		4,000
84	Downhole equipment accessories.....		1,000
86	Wellhead equipment.....		12,500
	<b>TOTAL TANGIBLE COST</b>		78,400
	<b>TOTAL DRILLING COST ESTIMATE</b>		403,600

MERIDIAN OIL INC.  
Farmington Region  
Post Office Box 4289  
Farmington, New Mexico 87499  
(505) 326-9700

AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE

AFE No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2-10-88  
Lease/Well Name: Burroughs Com A #100 Lease No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field/Prospect: Cedar Hill Fruitland Coal Ext. Region: Farmington  
Location: SW/4, NE/4, Sec. 16, T-32-N, R-10-W County: San Juan State: NM  
AFE Type: 01 Development Original X Supplement Addendum \_\_\_\_\_ API Well Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Operator Meridian Oil Inc.  
Objective Formation: Fruitland Coal Authorized Total Depth (Feet) 3550  
Project Description: Drill and complete Fruitland Coal well. Install  
production facilities.

Est. Start Date: 2nd Qrt. 1988 Prepared By: D. Boone  
Est. Completion Date: 7-1-88

GROSS WELL COST DATA

	<u>Drilling</u>	<u>Workover,</u>	<u>Construction</u>	
	<u>Dry Hole</u>	<u>Suspended</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>or Facility</u>
				<u>Total</u>
Days: _____	<u>20</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>
This AFE: _____	<u>403,600</u>		<u>111,886</u>	<u>515,486</u>
Prior AFE'S: _____				
Total Costs: \$ _____	<u>\$ 403,600</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 111,886</u>	<u>\$ 515,486</u>

JOINT INTEREST OWNERS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Working Interest</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>Net \$ Expenditures</u>	
		<u>Dry Hole \$</u>	<u>Completed \$</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHERS:	<u>12.50000%</u>		<u>64,436</u>
MERIDIAN OIL INC.	<u>87.50000%</u>		<u>451,050</u>
AFE TOTAL:	<u>100.00000%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 515,486</u>

MERIDIAN OIL APPROVAL

Recommended: Pandy L. Limbacher Date: 2/12/88 Approved: Donald R. Reed Date: 2-16-88  
Title: Regional Operations Manager  
Recommended: Donald C. L. [Signature] Date: 2/16/88 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER APPROVAL

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_



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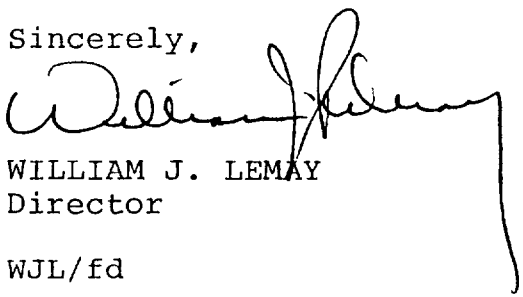
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Re: Case No. 9543  
Order No. R-8834  
  
Case No. 9544  
Order No. R-8835

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

Based upon your letter of March 16, 1989, and in accordance with the provisions of the above-captioned Division orders, Meridian Oil Inc. is hereby granted an extension of time in which to begin the well on the units pooled by said orders until 90 days after the entry of a Commission De Novo order in the subject two cases. This extension of time is contingent upon the original compulsory pooling orders being upheld by the Commission.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director

WJL/fd

cc: Cases 9543 and 9544  
Frank Chavez

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March 29, 1989

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Attention: Mike Stogner

Re: Case No. 9543 and Case No. 9544

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Mike Stogner today in connection with the above referenced cases. These cases are set on the April 17, 1989 docket for a full Commission de novo hearing on application of Fina Oil & Chemical Company.

Meridian and Fina representatives continue to try to work out details of a resolution to their differences on these cases. Yesterday, Meridian requested Fina to permit continuance of these cases from the April docket to the May Commission docket. Fina concurs with Meridian and the requested continuance. Accordingly, it is my understanding that these cases will be continued to the docket for the full Commission hearing scheduled for May.

If anything further is needed to effect this continuance to the May docket, please let me know. Also, when you know what date in May the hearing will be scheduled, please advise.

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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*M.S.*

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for  
Compulsory Pooling:

NMOCD Case No. 9543 - Order R-8834  
DeNovo Application of Fina  
EPNG Com C Well No. 100

NMOCD Case No. 9544 - Order R-8835  
DeNovo Application of Fina  
Burroughs Com A Well No. 100

Dear Mr. LeMay:

I wish to confirm on behalf of Meridian Oil Company, we concur in Mr. Conrad Coffield's request on behalf of Fina Oil and Chemical Company to continue the two referenced DeNovo hearings now scheduled for the April 17, 1989 Commission hearing.

I understood that both Meridian and Fina are attempting to reach a voluntary resolution of this dispute. Accordingly, rather than continue to specifically set this case for hearing and then have it continued, we respectfully request that the case be indefinitely continued until such time as either party asks for a specific docket setting for this matter.

Very truly yours,

*W. Thomas Kellahin*

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WTK/rs

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Attention: Mike Stogner

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DeNovo Application of Fina  
EPNG Com C Well No. 100

NMOCD Case No. 9544 - Order R-8835  
DeNovo Application of Fina  
Burroughs Com A. Well No. 100

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Your files on the above referenced cases will reflect that either late in March or early in April this year, these two cases were placed in an "indefinetly continued" status pending negotiation between the parties involved for a mutually satisfactory resolution to their differences.

Fina Oil & Chemical Company has today advised me that Fina is now satisfied with an agreement which Fina has reached with Meridian Oil Company. Accordingly, the de novo application to the Commission on each of these cased may be dismissed. Please institute whatever Commission action is in order so that Fina's application in both of these cases may be shown of record as dismissed.

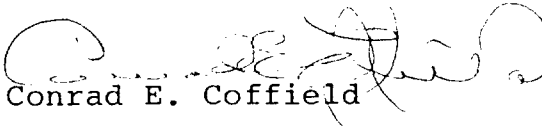
Please advise is anything further is needed to effect the dismissal of Fina's applications de novo.

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Thank you.

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BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
MERIDIAN OIL INC., FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 9544

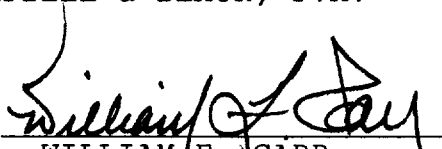
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A., and hereby withdraws as  
counsel for Meridian Oil Inc., in the above-referenced case.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.

By:

  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
Post Office Box 2208  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504  
Telephone: (505) 988-4421

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cc: W. Thomas Kellahin, Esq.

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Re: CASE NO. 9544 (De Novo)  
ORDER NO. R=8835-A

Applicant:  
(Fina Oil & Chemical  
Meridian Oil, Inc.) Company)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced  
Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

*Florene Davidson*

FLORENE DAVIDSON  
OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD x  
Artesia OCD x  
Aztec OCD x

Other Thomas Kellahin