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CASE 10,699

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc., for downhole
commingling and a nonstandard spacing unit, San
Juan County, New Mexico

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER

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1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had
2 at 12:42 p.m.:

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: Call the hearing back to
4 order, and at this time we'll call Case 10,699.

5 MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil,
6 Inc., for downhole commingling and a nonstandard
7 spacing unit, San Juan County, New Mexico.

8 EXAMINER CATANACH: Are there appearances in
9 this case?

10 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I'm Tom Kellahin
11 of the Santa Fe law firm of Kellahin and Kellahin,
12 appearing on behalf of the Applicant, and I have three
13 witnesses to be sworn.

14 EXAMINER CATANACH: Will the witnesses please
15 stand to be sworn in?

16 (Thereupon, the witnesses were sworn.)

17 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, we have filed a
18 pre-hearing statement which sets forth in a summary
19 fashion what we're trying to accomplish.

20 This is a new well to be drilled whereby we
21 will commingle Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal gas.
22 It would have otherwise have been able to be processed
23 administratively; there is common ownership.

24 But we find that in reviewing the
25 information, Section 6 is substantially undersized as a

1 result of governmental surveys. We're required to take
2 the nonstandard proration portion of it to hearing for
3 approval in the Pictured Cliffs.

4 The Fruitland Coal has already been approved
5 as a nonstandard spacing unit. We have done that on a
6 prior occasion.

7 And so in a rather summary fashion, then,
8 through the hearing process, we want to present to you
9 the basic elements of our request, which in this case
10 involves the nonstandard proration unit in the PC, plus
11 approval for the downhole commingle of the two pools.

12 My first witness is Mr. Kent Beers.

13 KENT BEERS,

14 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
15 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

18 Q. Would you please state your name and
19 occupation?

20 A. My name is Kent Beers. I'm the Regional Land
21 Manager for Meridian Oil in Farmington, New Mexico.

22 Q. On prior occasions, Mr. Beers, have you
23 testified as an expert petroleum landman before the
24 Division?

25 A. I don't believe I have.

1 Q. Summarize for us your experience as a
2 petroleum landman and in a summary fashion what it is
3 that you now do.

4 A. All right, I graduated from Eastern Montana
5 College in 1976 with a bachelor of science in business
6 administration. I have worked for Hunt Energy, Nucorp,
7 and now Meridian, Meridian since 1982. I've been
8 responsible for our land activities in the San Juan
9 Basin of New Mexico and Colorado since 1982, five
10 years.

11 Q. Mr. Alexander is a frequent witness for your
12 company before the Division. Does that gentleman work
13 under your direction and supervision?

14 A. Yes, he does.

15 Q. Have you and individuals under your direction
16 examined the ownership with regards to the two spacing
17 units involved?

18 A. Yes, we have.

19 Q. And you're aware of the offsetting operators,
20 or have found out their identify by means of searching
21 records and know who those parties area?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Beers as an
24 expert petroleum landman.

25 EXAMINER CATANACH: He is so qualified.

1 Q. (By Mr. Kellahin) Let me ask you to turn to
2 the Meridian exhibit book, Mr. Beers.

3 Identify for the record the information ahead
4 of Exhibit Number 1, before we turn to the exhibits.

5 A. Okay, in front of the first exhibit is a copy
6 of our Application that was filed, a copy of our
7 proposed advertisement.

8 Along with the Application, of course, are a
9 number of exhibits to the Application which are some of
10 the same exhibits that are found in the -- later on
11 individually.

12 Q. Let me ask you, sir, to turn to the exhibits
13 attached to the Application, and if you'll find the
14 display marked as Exhibit "B" --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- I think that will give us a visual
17 reference for the Examiner to see the size of Section 6
18 that creates part of the reason we're here today.

19 Have you determined that this display is an
20 accurate reproduction of what is the lot configuration
21 for Section 6?

22 A. Yes, it does.

23 Q. When you determined the orientation and the
24 dedication of acreage for the Coal gas pool, which
25 would have been the west half equivalent of Section 6,

1 do you find that that is an acreage area of less than
2 320 acres?

3 A. Yes, sir, there are 215 acres in the west
4 half of Section 6.

5 Q. Has that been a spacing unit of nonstandard
6 size that has been utilized for division of ownership
7 for production from other pools?

8 A. Yes, both the Fruitland formation and the
9 Mesa Verde have previously obtained approval for those
10 nonstandard spacing units in this unit along the along
11 the western boundary.

12 Q. When we look at the hashed line, the hashed
13 line that runs from northwest to southeast across the
14 western portion equivalent of 6, that is the spacing
15 unit for the Fruitland Coal that is proposed?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. And the southwest quarter equivalent, then,
18 would be the acreage to be assigned for production from
19 the -- I believe it's the Blanco-Pictured Cliffs Gas
20 Pool?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Okay. That acreage would be 110.66 acres,
23 more or less?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. As part of your search of information with

1 regards to the ownership in both those spacing units,
2 what did you find out in terms of whether there's
3 common ownership or a difference in ownership?

4 A. Ownership is common throughout the west half
5 of Section 6. Meridian owns 100 percent of that drill
6 block as to all depth.

7 Q. Turn now with me to the information behind
8 Exhibit Tab Number 1. Identify for me the first plat
9 behind Exhibit Number 1.

10 A. That is a plat that reflects offset ownership
11 to the 320-acre -- actually 215-acre west-half spacing
12 unit. It indicates those owners who own the offset
13 spacing units.

14 Q. All right. And then the following display
15 behind that one?

16 A. Behind that is the offset ownership for the
17 southwest quarter of Section 6, the PC nonstandard
18 unit.

19 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir.

20 That completes my examination of Mr. Beers,
21 Mr. Examiner.

22 We would move the introduction of Exhibit
23 Number 1.

24 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibit Number 1 will be
25 admitted as evidence.

EXAMINATION

BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

Q. Mr. Beers, do you know which order approved the Fruitland Coal nonstandard unit?

A. Yes, sir, that's behind tab Exhibit 3. It was Case Number 10,042. I believe -- No, I thought we had included the Mesa Verde as well, but we have not. It was Case Number 10,042, Order Number R-9303.

Q. Okay, did you say that the Fruitland sand had also been developed?

A. No, I apologize if -- I didn't intend to say that.

Q. Okay, you said the Fruitland. I wasn't sure if you meant the coal or the sand.

A. No, I intended to say the Fruitland Coal had been spaced along the six nonstandard units along the western portion of the 29-7 unit.

Q. Is this the first time a 160-acre well has been drilled in the southwest quarter of that section? That would normally be a 160-acre dedication. There's been no prior development.

A. I believe that there is a Dakota wellbore located -- If you'll refer to Exhibit 2, it indicates both a Dakota and a Mesa Verde wellbore located in the southwest quarter.

1 Those are, of course, spaced on the west
2 half. The physical location of those three wellbores,
3 though, are in the southwest quarter.

4 Q. But to your knowledge, there's been no
5 development on what would normally be 160 acres?

6 A. No, there has not.

7 Q. Okay. Is the proposed location standard for
8 both pools, as far as you know?

9 A. Yes.

10 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, I have nothing
11 further.

12 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir, thank you.

13 CHARLES HEAD,
14 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
15 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

18 Q. Would you please state your name and
19 occupation?

20 A. My name is Charles Head. I'm a petroleum
21 geologist based in Farmington, New Mexico.

22 Q. Mr. Head, on prior occasions have you
23 testified and qualified as an expert petroleum
24 geologist before the Division?

25 A. Yes, I have.

1 Q. Pursuant to your employment by Meridian, have
2 you made a geologic study of the facts concerning this
3 Application?

4 A. Yes, sir, I have.

5 Q. All right. Based upon the review of that
6 information, have you reached geologic conclusions
7 about this project?

8 A. I have.

9 MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Head as an
10 expert petroleum geologist.

11 EXAMINER CATANACH: He is so qualified.

12 Q. (By Mr. Kellahin) Let me ask you, sir, to
13 turn to the information behind Exhibit Tab Number 1.
14 Identify for us that map, and then let's talk about
15 what it means to you.

16 A. Okay, that's a Pictured Cliffs development
17 map. It's on a one-inch-equals-16,000-feet scale.
18 It's in the northeast portion of the Blanco-Pictured
19 Cliffs field, and it illustrates the position of the
20 subject well in Section 6 of 29 North and 7 West.

21 Q. When you as a geologist are looking for
22 additional opportunities in the Pictured Cliffs --

23 MR. STOVALL: Mr. Kellahin, could I interrupt
24 you? Which exhibit are you looking at?

25 MR. KELLAHIN: I'm looking at this --

1 MR. STOVALL: Oh, you said Exhibit 1.

2 THE WITNESS: I believe it's 4.

3 MR. KELLAHIN: I'm sorry, Exhibit 4. Did I
4 say 1?

5 MR. STOVALL: You said 1. We were looking at
6 that land plat.

7 MR. KELLAHIN: Didn't help much, did it?

8 MR. STOVALL: No, it was real strange.

9 (Off the record)

10 Q. (By Mr. Kellahin) When you as an exploration
11 geologist are looking for opportunities in the Blanco-
12 Pictured Cliffs, what is it that you're trying to
13 accomplish for a well to be drilled in this section?
14 What is it that you're looking for?

15 A. Well, in this case, we were looking for an
16 exploratory extension in the Blanco-Pictured Cliffs
17 field, and we were actually looking for a -- for
18 indication of commercial quality reservoir development.

19 Q. Do you have a geologic opinion as to whether
20 or not this well can be drilled in any other fashion,
21 other than as an initially drilled well for downhole
22 commingling of Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal gas?

23 A. No, based on surrounding tests, both in the
24 Fruitland and in the Pictured Cliffs, we feel that this
25 is the best way to manage the risk of development for

1 the Fruitland Coal and the Pictured Cliffs.

2 We don't feel that either formation could be
3 drilled as an individual completion, economically.

4 Q. When you put section 6 in a regional geologic
5 setting in relationship to the Blanco-PC Pool, where do
6 you find this section to be located in that trend?

7 A. Okay, this is, as I mentioned before, a
8 stepout test of a separate sandstone bar that's about
9 two or three miles away from the heart of the Blanco-
10 Pictured Cliffs trend, and I think you can see that
11 on -- It's probably better illustrated on Exhibit 6.

12 Q. All right, let's turn to Exhibit 6 and have
13 you make that illustration for us.

14 A. Okay, this is a net sandstone isopach map,
15 and it shows the subject well up in the northwest
16 portion of the map, in Section 6.

17 Its location is in a northwest-to-southeast
18 trend of what we have interpreted to be reservoir-
19 quality sandstone, based on wireline log criteria, and
20 that criteria is -- includes resistivity and
21 permeability indications on wireline logs.

22 And this is actually an isopach of the
23 primary target in the Pictured Cliffs.

24 Q. When you look at the information behind
25 Exhibit Tab Number 5, which is one of the exhibits

1 we've just skipped -- go back to that one -- what's the
2 purpose of the type log, and what does it show you?

3 A. Okay, the type log is -- this is actually a
4 twin to the location that we'll be -- that we're
5 interested in drilling, and it shows the Fruitland Coal
6 interval, approximately 50 feet of clean coal, and it
7 shows the Pictured Cliffs formation directly below
8 that.

9 Q. Where is that well located in relationship to
10 the subject well?

11 A. Okay, that well is just to the south of the
12 subject well, in the southwest of Section 6.

13 Q. It's identified as the Mesa Verde well on the
14 information shown behind Exhibit Tab Number 2; is that
15 it?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Okay. Put together for me in a summary
18 fashion the geologic conclusion concerning why we're
19 trying this particular concept in this particular
20 portion of Section 6.

21 A. Okay, we feel that the southwestern portion
22 of Section 6 is prospective for Pictured Cliffs
23 development, based on the net pay isopach map shown in
24 Exhibit 6.

25 We've identified seven feet of potentially

1 commercial sandstone development in the very uppermost
2 portion of the Pictured Cliffs. That sandstone, we
3 feel, is less shaley and more porous and has a larger
4 grain size and is better sorted than the Pictured
5 Cliffs sandstones below it.

6 Also, we feel that due to reports of lost
7 circulation in the lower Pictured Cliffs interval in
8 area wells, that there exists a strong possibility of
9 natural fracturing in some of the thinner, more brittle
10 and tight Pictured Cliffs sandstones below the primary
11 target, which is illustrated on the isopach map.

12 In addition to that, we expect to encounter
13 approximately 50 feet of coal, Fruitland Coal, that,
14 based on microlog and other permeability indicators on
15 wireline logs, probably has good to fair cleating.

16 Q. Let's turn to the Fruitland Coal geologic
17 displays behind Exhibit Tab Number 7 and have you
18 identify those two displays for us.

19 A. Okay, the first one is a net coal isolith
20 map, and it shows the subject well location in an area
21 where we anticipate approximately 50 feet of net clean
22 coal development.

23 And the second exhibit is a structure map on
24 the base of the Fruitland Coal.

25 Q. Summarize then for us your geologic

1 conclusions about the opportunity for downhole
2 commingling both of these pools at this location in
3 Section 6.

4 A. Well, we feel that this is a good opportunity
5 to develop both the Pictured Cliffs and the Coal in a
6 fashion that would be economic for our company, and we
7 do not feel that it would be economic to individually
8 test either zone or separately test either zone.

9 We also feel that due to its position in a
10 mapped fairway of Pictured Cliffs permeability, that
11 this could open up additional opportunities for the
12 same sort of project, mainly to the southeast of the
13 subject well location.

14 Q. As to the Pictured Cliffs, it is currently
15 beyond the known proven boundaries of production in
16 that pool where you would know that you can drill a
17 stand-alone Pictured Cliffs well that support itself
18 economically?

19 A. That's correct. I think in the past the
20 Pictured Cliffs has been drilled in this area and has
21 not been economic by itself.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes my examination
23 of Mr. Head.

24 We move the introduction of Exhibits 2
25 through 7.

1 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibits 2 through 7 will
2 be admitted as evidence.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

5 Q. Mr. Head, your proposed well is about -- It's
6 a little over a mile from known PC production; is that
7 correct?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And you testified you hope to encounter
10 approximately seven feet of sand?

11 A. Of porous and permeable Pictured Cliffs,
12 that's correct.

13 Q. How does that figure relate to the main PC
14 fairway? Is that considerably lower?

15 A. It is considerably lower.

16 Q. How would that translate to -- in terms of
17 production, would that substantially reduce production
18 from the well?

19 A. I think that's correct.

20 Q. Has the -- How does the 50 feet of coal in
21 the Fruitland Formation compare to other coal
22 completions? Where does that sand in terms of --

23 A. We feel that the coal quality here is a bit
24 better than other area Fruitland completions based on
25 indications of cleating and permeability from wireline

1 log data, specifically the type log in Exhibit 5.

2 Q. So you've got a pretty good shot at getting a
3 good coal well? Is that your opinion?

4 A. We feel that relative to the most prolific
5 wells in the San Juan Basin, certainly this won't
6 compare, we don't think, but we have a -- we feel that
7 we have a good opportunity for an economic completion
8 in this interval, when combined with the Pictured
9 Cliffs.

10 Q. And based upon your geologic interpretation,
11 you wouldn't recommend drilling a PC stand-alone in
12 that area?

13 A. No, sir, I would not.

14 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, I believe that's
15 all I have.

16 MR. STOVALL: Nothing for me.

17 (Off the record)

18 DAVID B. JENSEN,

19 the witness herein, after having been first duly sworn
20 upon his oath, was examined and testified as follows:

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

23 Q. Would you please state your name and
24 occupation?

25 A. My name is David Jensen. I'm a senior staff

1 reservoir engineer for Meridian Oil in Farmington, New
2 Mexico.

3 Q. Mr. Jensen, on prior occasions have you
4 testified before the Division as a petroleum engineer?

5 A. No, I have not.

6 Q. Summarize for us your education.

7 A. I received a bachelor of science in petroleum
8 engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1983.

9 Q. Summarize for us your employment experience.

10 A. I've worked for Superior Oil, Mobil Oil and
11 now Meridian Oil in various basins including the
12 Illinois Basin, throughout Oklahoma and Kansas, the
13 Paradox Basin throughout the San Joaquin Basin in
14 California, and then the last several years in the San
15 Juan Basin.

16 Q. What are your current responsibilities for
17 Meridian?

18 A. I'm currently a reservoir engineer assigned
19 to the San Juan Basin.

20 Q. Have you made a study of the reservoir
21 engineering aspects concerning this Application by your
22 company for permission to initially drill as a downhole
23 commingling project what is identified as the San Juan
24 29-7 unit well 583?

25 A. Yes, sir, I have.

1 MR. KELLAHIN: We tender Mr. Jensen as an
2 expert reservoir engineer.

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: Mr. Jensen is so
4 qualified.

5 Q. (By Mr. Kellahin) A couple of topics I want
6 to ask you about. One is going to be the allocation
7 formula that you propose to the Examiner.

8 But first of all, your conclusions as a
9 reservoir engineer concerning the appropriateness of
10 trying to exploit the two reservoirs involved in
11 Section 6 with the downhole commingling. Why that
12 concept at this point?

13 A. What we're trying to do is take two
14 marginally economic formations, the PC less economic,
15 and try and drill a commingled well and produce them in
16 a commingled fashion to exploit both reservoirs in a
17 way that makes economic sense.

18 Q. Have you confirmed as an engineer the
19 conclusions Mr. Head has given us as a geologist that
20 this in fact is an area where there is a probability
21 that the PC in fact will be marginal and cannot stand
22 alone?

23 A. Yes, sir, I have.

24 Q. Describe for us what is your expectations
25 about the Fruitland Coal for this section.

1 A. The Fruitland Coal, we expect to be about 50
2 feet thick, but we expect it, as a stand-alone well, to
3 be marginally economic.

4 And in fact, if you refer to the BLM
5 criteria for participating area, expansion,
6 commerciality determination, it would be marginally
7 commercial on that basis.

8 Q. Can you give us general numbers to give us a
9 financial range of what a well of this type costs,
10 versus the cost for stand-alone wells of this type?

11 A. What we're saving by doing a commingle for
12 both zones is saving the additional drilling through
13 the Fruitland.

14 So in terms of this project, we're somewhere
15 around at -- a half a million dollars, I believe, is
16 the number.

17 And if you look at two separate wellbores,
18 you're \$100,000, \$200,000 above that.

19 Q. Okay. Let me have you turn now to the
20 information behind Exhibit Tab Number 8. Do you have a
21 recommendation to the Examiner as to how to set up a
22 procedure for determining an allocation formula for
23 production for the two pools?

24 A. Yes, sir, I do.

25 Q. What is that formula, and how did you do it?

1 A. Okay, the formula is included behind Tab
2 Number 8, and it's pages 3 and 4, and it's based on
3 looking at the production tests from each of the zones
4 upon completion, and allocating total well production
5 by month based on the percentages of those pitot
6 gauges, is what we call the completion test, to the
7 total, the sum of the two gauges.

8 Q. You gauge each of the two --

9 A. -- separately.

10 Q. -- the productivity of each of the two
11 reservoirs separately?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And then use that ratio and run it through a
14 calculation to determine what is the apportionment of
15 that production?

16 A. Correct. What we do is look at what the PC
17 production is, and we can accurately predict what the
18 PC decline is, based on the analogy wells that you saw
19 that Mr. Head presented in an earlier exhibit.

20 And based on an established decline from
21 those conventional wells, we can therefore break out
22 the PC production as detailed in these two pages of
23 exhibits.

24 And then anything above and beyond that base
25 PC production we determine to be Fruitland Coal

1 contribution.

2 Q. Okay. If the Examiner was to adopt your
3 allocation and attach to the Order the formula as an
4 exhibit, would it be sufficient to take the display
5 that is the third one behind this exhibit, adopt that
6 as the formula for the Order, and would that give you
7 enough direction and detail for the allocation?

8 A. Yes, sir, it would.

9 Q. Okay. Let's go back now to other reservoir
10 issues.

11 Do you find as a reservoir engineer that
12 there is any potential adverse consequences from
13 commingling these two reservoirs at this location?

14 A. No, there is not. We've looked at both
15 expected reservoir pressures and, as shown in Exhibit
16 8, we expect the PC to be in the neighborhood of 820
17 p.s.i., and the Fruitland to be in the neighborhood of
18 950 p.s.i. And those are within pressure requirements
19 to commingle.

20 And looking at fluid compatibilities, the
21 total dissolved solids in the two are very similar, the
22 specific gravities are the same.

23 So we do not expect any adverse impact due to
24 the waters commingling.

25 MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes my examination

1 of Mr. Jensen.

2 We move the introduction of Exhibit Number 8.

3 EXAMINER CATANACH: Exhibit Number 8 will be
4 admitted as evidence.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY EXAMINER CATANACH:

7 Q. Mr. Jensen, have you calculated or estimated
8 what the initial producing rates may be out of these
9 two zones?

10 A. We've got some initial estimates based on
11 offset Fruitland Coal wells, and it's in the
12 neighborhood of 150 MCF a day on that.

13 And looking at the PC, it is a much more
14 risky play, being that it is a stepout.

15 The sand is relatively thin compared to the
16 main PC trend, as Mr. Head alluded to, and so we expect
17 production from that zone to be in the 50- to 100-MCF-
18 a-day range.

19 Q. And 150 for the Coal?

20 A. Somewhere in that neighborhood, yes.

21 Q. Initially?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. That would likely escalate?

24 A. In this area there's very little water
25 associated with the Coal production, so we don't expect

1 to see significant incline in production.

2 So we expect to see maybe a prolonged flat
3 period of production prior to decline.

4 Q. Now, when you initially drill the well, do
5 you plan to test both zones separately?

6 A. Yes, we do.

7 Q. For how long?

8 A. What we'll do is go ahead and drill the well,
9 perforate and fracture the Pictured Cliffs, and then
10 let it clean itself up and stabilize to a production
11 rate that's stable over several days' period so that it
12 is not changing.

13 And then once it is stabilized we'll set a
14 bridge plug and do the identical procedure on the
15 Fruitland Coal.

16 So we will let it clean up after the
17 hydraulic fracture to the point where it stabilizes for
18 several days.

19 Q. Generally how long does that take?

20 A. It usually takes a day to get in, perforate
21 and fracture, and then a day or so to allow that
22 fracture to flow back and clean up and flow back the
23 load water that you've put in it.

24 And at that point you're looking probably at
25 the neighborhood of three to four days, minimum, per

1 zone.

2 Q. To stabilize production?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Have you examined the decline rate of offset
5 PC wells?

6 A. We have, and that's -- What we've done is
7 examined 18 PC wells, and it's listed on the one line,
8 the answer is listed on the third page of the Exhibit
9 8.

10 We've looked at 18 wells in Township 29
11 North, 8 West, and determined that the average decline
12 for those wells is 6.4 percent per year, and that's
13 what we believe we should see out of this well.

14 Q. This is generally the same formula you used
15 in other commingled wells?

16 A. That's correct.

17 EXAMINER CATANACH: I believe that's all I
18 have, Mr. Kellahin.

19 MR. KELLAHIN: That concludes our
20 presentation in this case.

21 We would move the introduction of Exhibit 9,
22 which is the certificate of notice to the offset
23 operators.

24 I am not aware of any objection by any of the
25 parties to be notified.

1 EXAMINER CATANACH: Okay, there being nothing
2 further, Case 10,699 will be taken under advisement.

3 (Thereupon, these proceedings were concluded
4 at 1:18 p.m.)

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EXAMINER HEARING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Hearing Date MAY 20, 1993 Time: 8:15 A.M.

NAME	REPRESENTING	LOCATION

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CASE NO. 10699

IN THE MATTER OF:

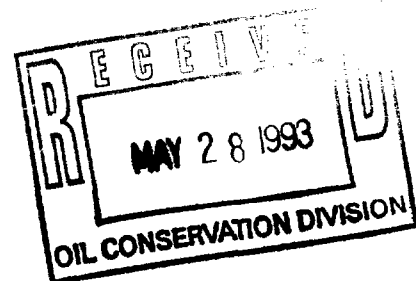
The Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.,
to Amend Order No. R-9980, Rio Arriba
County, New Mexico.

BEFORE:

DAVID R. CATANACH
Hearing Examiner
State Land Office Building
May 20, 1993

REPORTED BY:

CARLA DIANE RODRIGUEZ
Certified Court Reporter
for the State of New Mexico



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FOR THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION:

ROBERT G. STOVALL, ESQ.

General Counsel
State Land Office Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

1 EXAMINER CATANACH: Call the hearing to
2 order this morning for Docket No. 14-93. I'll
3 call the continuances and dismissals first.

4 [And there were proceedings off the
5 record.]

6 EXAMINER CATANACH: At this time, we'll
7 call Case 10699.

8 MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian
9 Oil, Inc., to amend Order No. R-9980, Rio Arriba
10 County, New Mexico.

11 Mr. Examiner, the Applicant filed this
12 case for San Juan County; however, it happens to
13 be in Rio Arriba County. The order was entered
14 in San Juan County, and we thought we ought to
15 move the well to the right county. So we
16 reopened the case to move this well to Rio Arriba
17 County, where it belongs.

18 EXAMINER CATANACH: I also see that we
19 had the wrong unit letter on that, and the well
20 is actually in unit letter K.

21 Are there any additional appearances at
22 this time?

23 There being none, Case 10699 will be
24 taken under advisement.

25 (And the proceedings concluded.)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
a complete record of the proceedings in
the Examiner hearing of Case No. 10699,
heard by me on May 20 1993.

David H. Catanch, Examiner

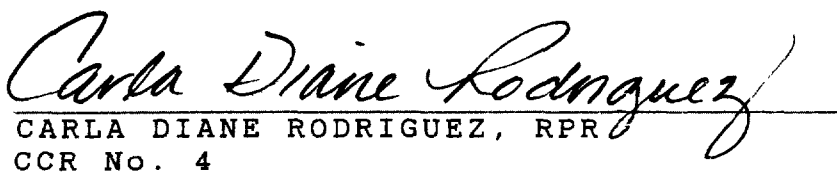
1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
4) ss.
COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

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6 I, Carla Diane Rodriguez, Certified
7 Court Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY
8 that the foregoing transcript of proceedings
9 before the Oil Conservation Division was reported
10 by me; that I caused my notes to be transcribed
11 under my personal supervision; and that the
12 foregoing is a true and accurate record of the
13 proceedings.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a
15 relative or employee of any of the parties or
16 attorneys involved in this matter and that I have
17 no personal interest in the final disposition of
18 this matter.

19 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL May 21, 1993.
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23 CARLA DIANE RODRIGUEZ, RPR
24 CCR No. 4
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