

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 9730  
Order No. R-8993

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC.  
FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION  
UNIT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 23, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 31st day of August, 1989, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) Division Case Nos. 9730, 9731 and 9732 were consolidated at the time of the hearing for the purpose of testimony.

(3) The applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc., seeks approval of a non-standard 308.75-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 3 and 4 and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 8 and Lots 1 through 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2 NE/4 of Section 7, both in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, (1964 survey) Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Said unit is to be dedicated to the

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applicant's Allison Unit Well No. 133 located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 2490 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 7.

(4) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Lands Survey.

(5) The entire non-standard gas proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.

(6) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit has previously been established by the Division by Order No. R-2046, dated August 14, 1961, for use in developing gas reserves in the Basin-Dakota Pool, and has proven to be effective in promoting orderly development in this area.

(7) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit lies entirely within the applicant's Allison Unit Area, and there are no offset operators to the proposed non-standard unit.

(8) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

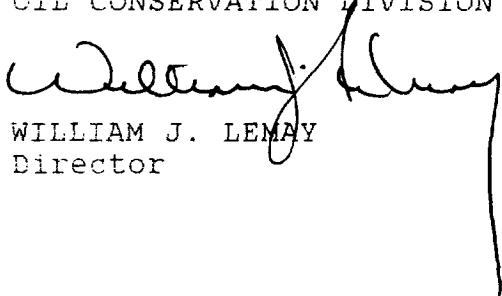
(1) A 308.75-acre, more or less, non-standard gas spacing and proration unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool comprising Lots 3 and 4 and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 8 and Lots 1 through 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2 NE/4 of Section 7, both in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, (1964 survey) San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to Meridian Oil, Inc.'s Allison Unit Well No. 133 located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 2490 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 7.

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(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director

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