

**MERIDIAN OIL**

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August 7, 1992

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Attn: Mr. Bill LeMay  
P.O. Box 2088  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

**Subject:** Reid #8  
Unit L, Section 19, T28N, R09W  
San Juan County, New Mexico  
Downhole Commingling Request

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Meridian Oil Inc. is applying for an administrative downhole commingling order for the referenced well in the Aztec Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland Coal fields. The ownership of the zones to be commingled is common. The offset operators to this well are Amoco Production Company and Conoco, Inc. The Bureau of Land Management and the above mentioned operators will receive notification of this downhole commingling.

The subject well was completed in the Aztec Pictured Cliffs interval in June 1956 and gas sales commenced in June 1956. The well currently produces about 48 MCFD and has a cumulative production of 1096 MMCF. This zone is still economic at the current rate and the well is not a candidate for plugging back the Pictured Cliffs and opening the Fruitland Coal.

The Fruitland Coal is proven to be productive in this area by Meridian and other operators producing wells. Based on offset production in this area, new well drilling is not economically justified. The only economical way to recover the Fruitland Coal reserves in this area is to commingle the production with an existing well.

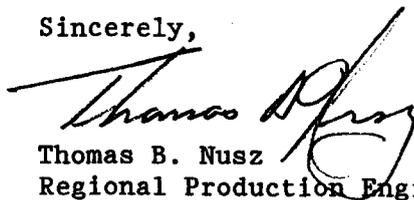
It is proposed to set a bridge plug above the Pictured Cliffs, perforate and stimulate the Fruitland Coal, then remove the bridge plug and produce both zones through a single string of tubing. The reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste will not be caused by the proposed commingling. Neither producing interval makes oil or water in the offset wells. The shut-in pressure for the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal is 200 and 250 psi, respectively.

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The allocation of the commingled production will be calculated using the attached allocation formula. This formula is based on the Pictured Cliffs production history for the last 19 years and uses accepted Reservoir Engineering methods to allocate the remaining Pictured Cliffs reserves. All additional reserves will be attributed to the Fruitland Coal reservoir. This addresses the Fruitland Coal producing characteristics of early life inclining production rates. The formula also addresses the possible situation of pipeline curtailment.

Approval of this commingling application will allow for the prevention of wasted resources and protection of correlative rights. Included with this letter are plats showing ownership of offsetting leases for both the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal, a copy of letters to the BLM and offset operators, wellbore diagrams, production history curves, pertinent data sheet, and an allocation formula.

Sincerely,



Thomas B. Nusz  
Regional Production Engineer

KAS:tg  
attachments

cc: Frank Chavez - NMOCD/Aztec

Pertinent Data Sheet - Reid #8

Location: SW/4, section 19, T28N, R09W, San Juan County, New Mexico

Field: Aztec Pictured Cliffs

Elevation: 5926'GL  
5936'KB

TD: 2145'  
PBD: 2135'

Completed: 7/7/56

Initial Potential: 3709 MCFD(PITOM)

Casing Record:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Csq. Size</u>	<u>Wt. &amp; Grade</u>	<u>Depth Set</u>	<u>Top/Cement</u>
12-1/4"	8-5/8"	24.0# J-55 8rd	198'KB	100 sxs (surface)*
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	14.0# J-55 8rd	2145'KB	150 sxs (1404')*

\* Cement tops calculated (75% coverage)

Tubing Record: 2004'KB (approx 92 joints) 1" 1.7# J-55 10rd

Formation Tops:

Ojo Alamo	952'
Kirtland	1140'
Fruitland	1815'
Pic. Cliffs	2075'

Logging Record: Electrical, Gamma

Stimulation: Perfed Pictured Cliffs 2076-2130' w/4spf. Fracture stimulated with 40,000 #'s sand and 42,000 gal. water.

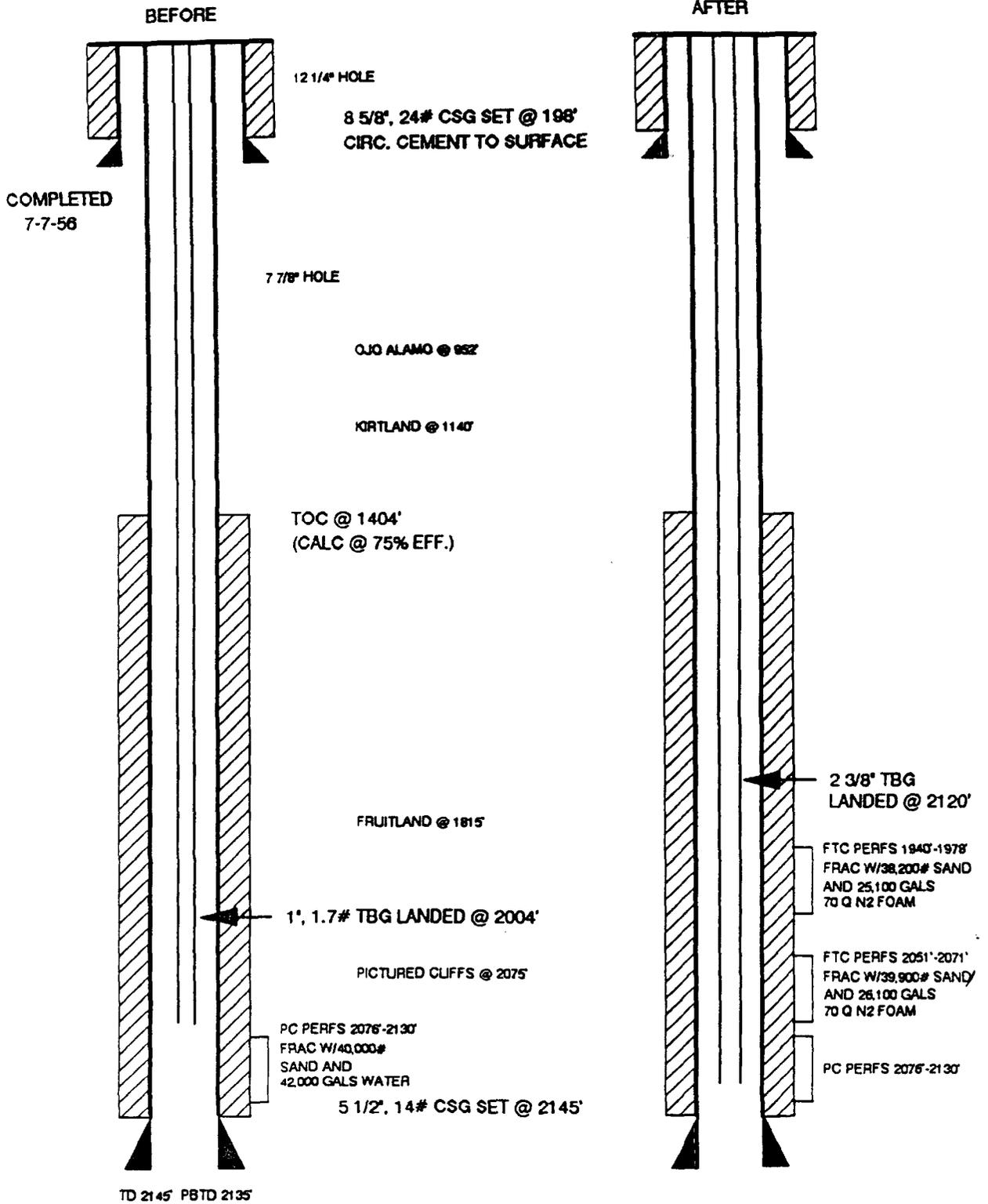
Workover History: None

Production History: Initial Deliverability - 862 MCFGD (1956)  
Latest Deliverability - 48 MCFGD (1991)  
Cumulative Production - 1096 MMCFG (1991)

Transporter: GCNM

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AZTEC PICTURED CLIFFS  
SW/4 SECTION 19, T28N-R09W



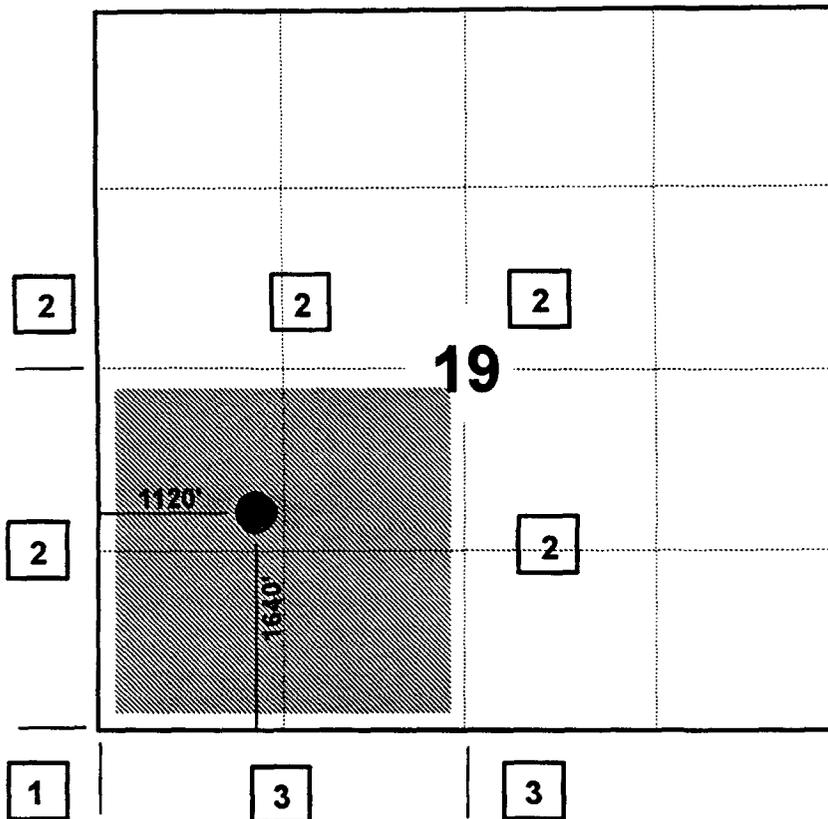
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OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

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Fruitland Coal \ Pictured Cliffs Commingle

Township 28 North, Range 09 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc

2) Southland Royalty Company

3) Amoco Production Company

PO Box 800, Denver, CO 80201

Conoco, Inc.

PO Box 951062, Dallas, TX 75395-1062

PICTURED CLIFFS FORMATION

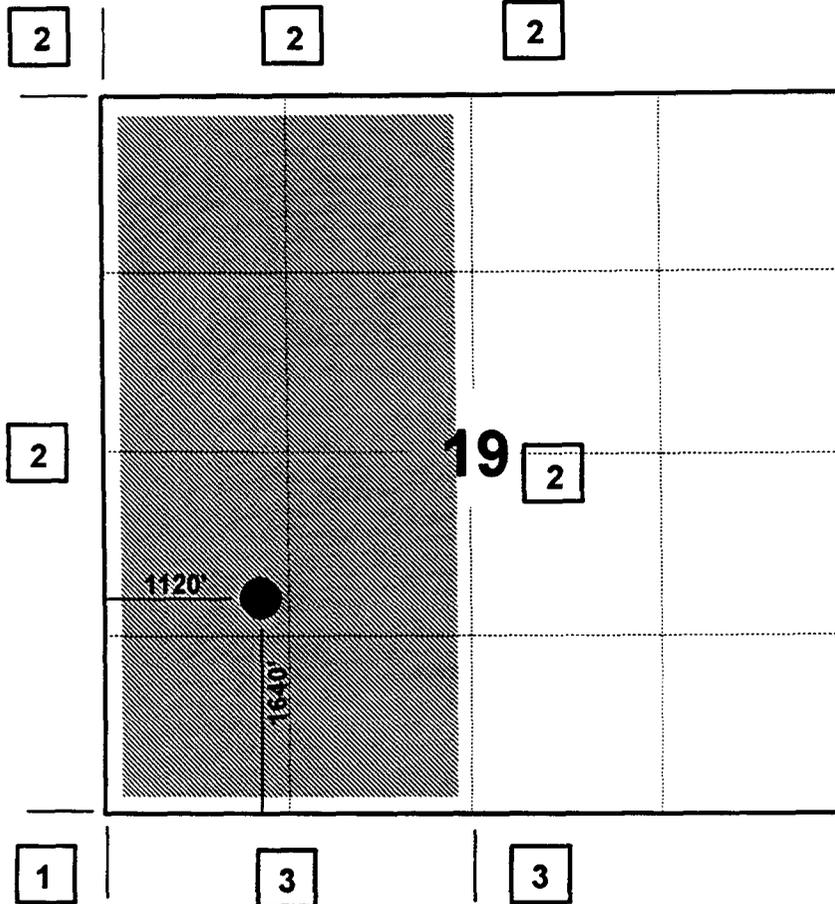
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Fruitland Coal Formation

Figure 1

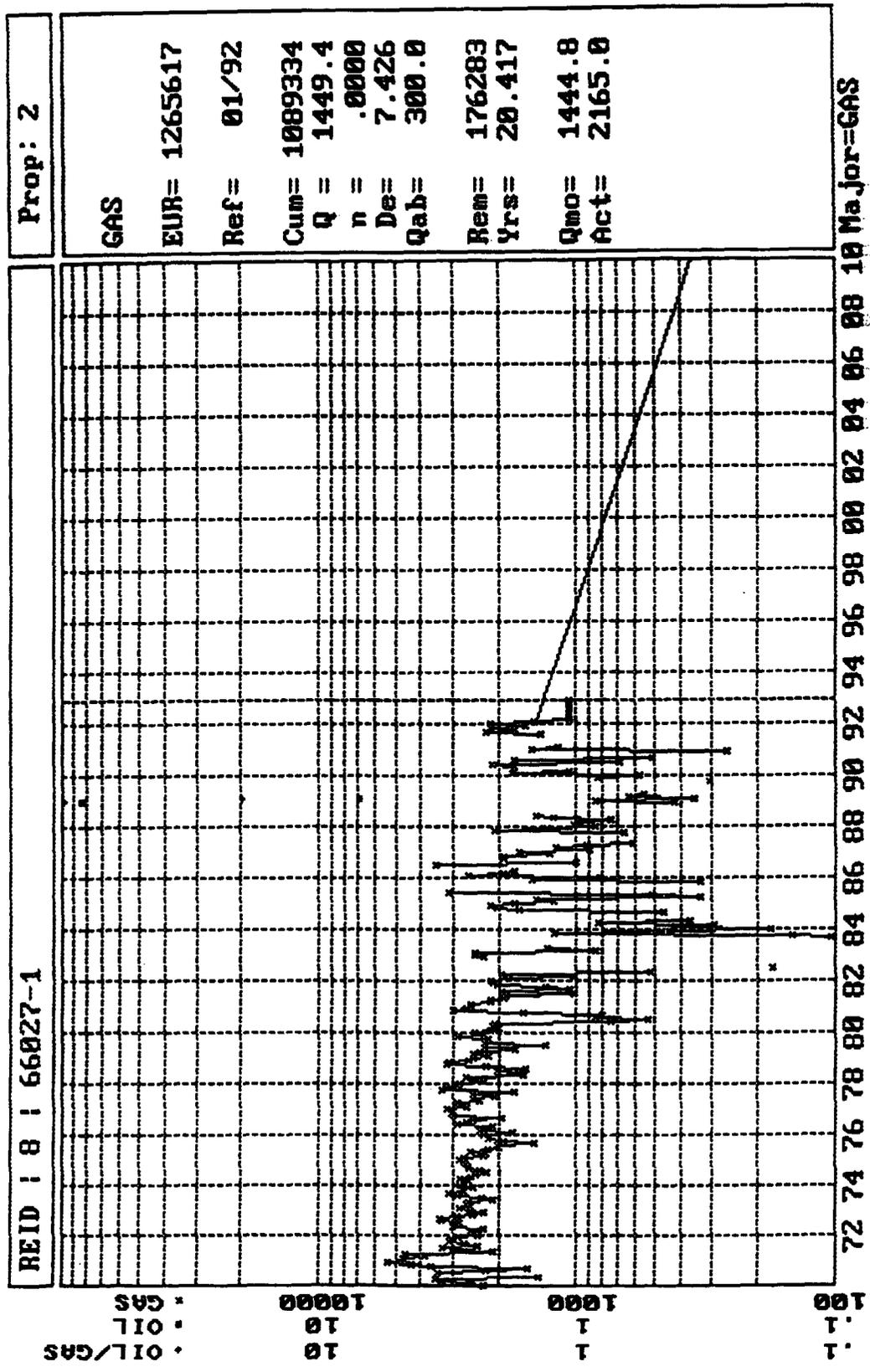
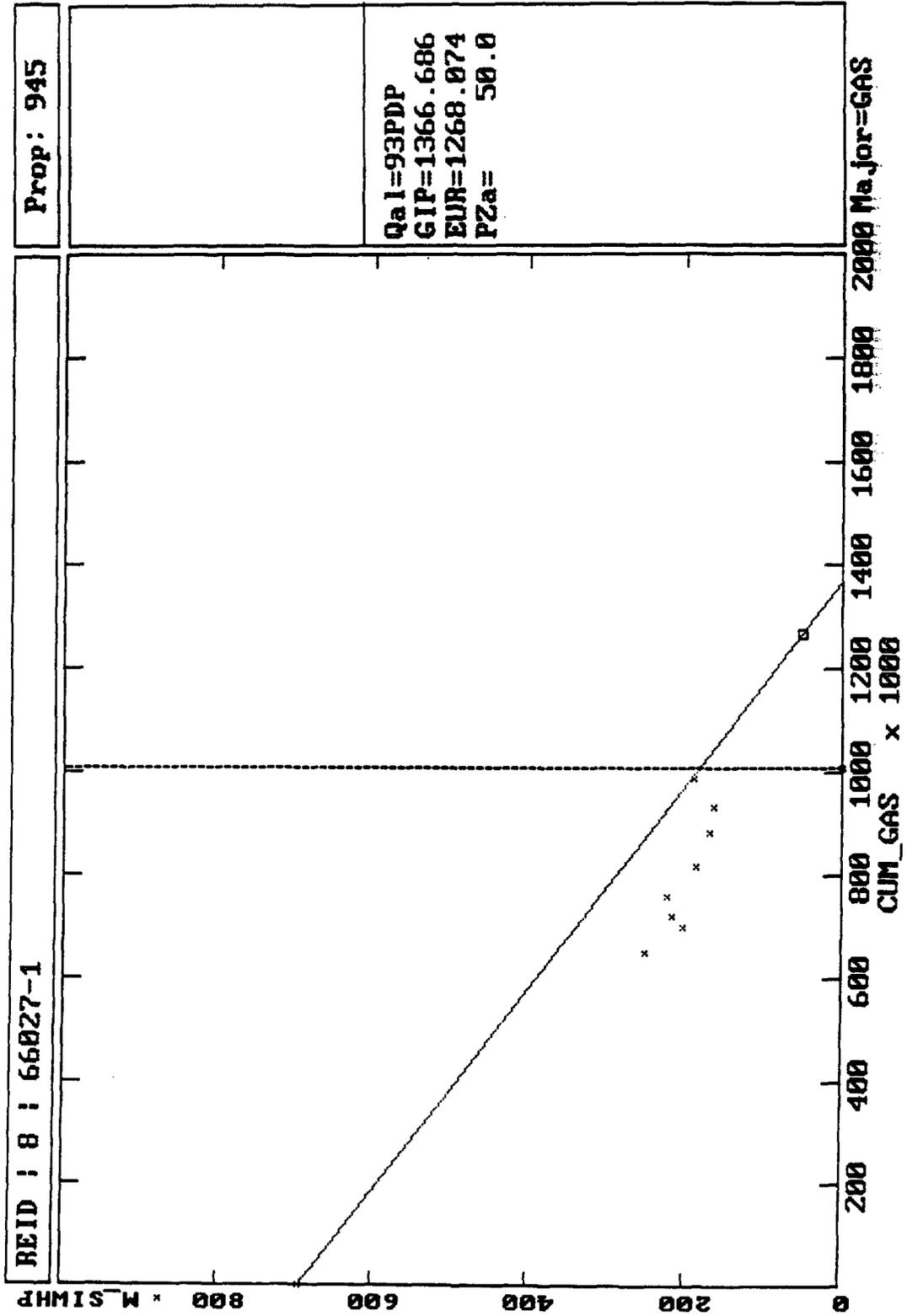


Figure 2



## Reid #8 Allocation Formula

### Equation Derivation

Given the exponential decline curve analysis formula\*:

$$De = 1 - (Q_2/Q_1)^{(1/Yr)}$$

Where: De = Effective Decline in %/yr  
Q<sub>2</sub> = Rate two (at some future date) MCFD  
Q<sub>3</sub> = Rate one (current rate) MCFD

Rearranging the equation to solve for Q<sub>2</sub>:

$$Q_2 = Q_1(1-De)^{Yr} \text{ MCFD}$$

### Reid #8 Formula

Using Production plot (fig 1):

Last production rate = Q<sub>1</sub> = 1449 MCFM  $\cong$  48 MCFD  
De = 7.426% from plot

$$Q_{2PC} = 48 (1 - 0.07426)^{Yr} \text{ MCFD}$$

$$Q_{2PC} = 48 (0.92574)^{Yr} \text{ MCFD} \quad \text{FORMULA FOR FUTURE PC RATES}$$

Any production rate over what is calculated using the above PC formula on a specific date is Fruitland Coal.

### Curtailement Situations

If any curtailment occurs, both streams will be affected the same and go to 0 MCFD.

When production resumes, the rates will equate to those when the well was shut in:

$$Q_{2PC} = 48 (0.92574)^{(Yr - \text{curtailment time})}$$

$$Q_{FTC} = Q_{TOT} - Q_{PC}$$

$$Q_{TOT} = Q_{FTC} + Q_{PC}$$

The total amount of PC gas produced will be the EUR calculated through decline curve and P-Sum analysis (see figs 1 & 2).

\*Reference: pg. 5-46 Oil Property Evaluation  
by R. S. Thompson & J. D. Wright

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Example:                    Date Now = 1/1/93

Assuming the well produces steadily in 1993. On 1/1/94, the well produces 400 MCFD.

$$\begin{aligned}Q_1 &= 48 \text{ MCFD} & De &= 7.426\% \\Q_{PC} &= 48 (0.92574)^{(\text{yr} - \text{curtailment time})} \\Q_{PC} &= 48 (0.92574)^{(1 - 0)} = 44 \text{ MCFD} \\Q_{TOT} &= 400 \text{ MCFD} = Q_{FTC} + Q_{PC} \\Q_{FTC} &= 400 - 44 = 356 \text{ MCFD}\end{aligned}$$

Then on 1/2/94, the well gets shut in for 1 month:

On 2/2/94, assume that the PC stream will come back on line at the same rate it left off. Or:

$$\begin{aligned}1 \text{ month curtailment} &= 1/12 = 0.0833 \\ \text{Tot. Time} &= 1 \text{ yr} + 1 \text{ month} = 1 + 1/12 = 1.0833 \\ Q_{PC} &= 48 (0.92574)^{(1.0833 - 0.0833)} = 44 \text{ MCFD.} \\ Q_{TOT} &= 400 \text{ MCFD} \\ Q_{FTC} &= 356 \text{ MCFD}\end{aligned}$$

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Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

  
Keith A. Swainson  
Production Engineer

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The above downhole commingling request is hereby approved:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amoco Production Company  
Mr. J. W. Hawkins  
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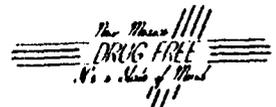
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ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410  
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Date: 8/25/92

Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

RE: Proposed MC \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed NSL \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed WFX \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed NSP \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed DHC X \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed SWD \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed PMX \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed DD \_\_\_\_\_

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application received on 8/11/92  
for the Meridian Lease # 8  
OPERATOR LEASE & WELL NO.

L-19-28N-9W and my recommendations are as follows:  
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Approve  
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Yours truly,

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