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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
 - Engineering Bureau -  
 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87505



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**ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION COVERSHEET**

THIS COVERSHEET IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

**Application Acronyms:**

- [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [NSL-Non-Standard Location]
- [DD-Directional Drilling] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication]
- [DHC-Downhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling]
- [PC-Pool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement]
- [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion]
- [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase]
- [EOR-Qualified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]

[1] **TYPE OF APPLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A]**

- [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Directional Drilling  
 NSL  NSP  DD  SD

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Check One Only for [B] or [C]

- [B] Commingling - Storage - Measurement  
 DHC  CTB  PLC  PC  OLS  OLM

- [C] Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery  
 WFX  PMX  SWD  IPI  EOR  PPR

[2] **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or  Does Not Apply**

- [A]  Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
- [B]  Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
- [C]  Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
- [D]  Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
- [E]  For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
- [F]  Waivers are Attached

[3] **INFORMATION / DATA SUBMITTED IS COMPLETE - Certification**

I hereby certify that I, or personnel under my supervision, have read and complied with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division. Further, I assert that the attached application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and where applicable, verify that all interest (WI, RI, ORRI) is common. I understand that any omission of data (including API numbers, pool codes, etc.), pertinent information and any required notification is cause to have the application package returned with no action taken.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

**DISTRICT I**

P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

**DISTRICT II**

811 South First St., Artesia, NM 88210-2835

**DISTRICT III**

1000 Rio Brazos Rd, Aztec, NM 87410-1693

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

2040 S. Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6429

Form C-107-A  
New 3-12-96

**APPROVAL PROCESS :**

Administrative  Hearing

**EXISTING WELLBORE**

YES  NO

**APPLICATION FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING**

**Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company**

**PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499**

Operator

Address

**Allison Unit**

**40M**

**O 19-32N-06W**

**San Juan**

Lease

Well No.

Unit Ltr. - Sec - Twp - Rge

County

Spacing Unit Lease Types: (check 1 or more)

OGRID NO. 14538 Property Code 6784 API NO. 30-045-29676 Federal  State  (and/or) Fee

The following facts are submitted in support of downhole commingling:	Upper Zone	Intermediate Zone	Lower Zone
1. Pool Name and Pool Code	Blanco Mesaverde - 72319		Basin Dakota - 71599
2. Top and Bottom of Pay Section (Perforations)	will be supplied upon completion		will be supplied upon completion
3. Type of production (Oil or Gas)	gas		gas
4. Method of Production (Flowing or Artificial Lift)	flowing		flowing
5. Bottomhole Pressure	(Current) a. 749 psi (see attachment)	a.	a. 1217 psi (see attachment)
Oil Zones - Artificial Lift: Estimated Current Gas & Oil - Flowing: Measured Current All Gas Zones: Estimated or Measured Original	(Original) b. 1357 psi (see attachment)	b.	b. 3395 psi (see attachment)
6. Oil Gravity (API) or Gas BTU Content	BTU 957		BTU 957
7. Producing or Shut-In?	shut in		shut in
Production Marginal? (yes or no)	no		yes
* If Shut-In and oil/gas/water rates of last production	Date: n/a Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: n/a Rates:
<small>Note: For new zones with no production history, applicant shall be required to attach production estimates and supporting data</small>			
* If Producing, give data and oil/gas/water of recent test (within 60 days)	Date: n/a Rates:	Date: Rates:	Date: n/a Rates:
8. Fixed Percentage Allocation Formula -% for each zone (total of %'s to equal 100%)	Oil: % Gas: % will be supplied upon completion	Oil: % Gas: %	Oil: % Gas: % will be supplied upon completion

9. If allocation formula is based upon something other than current or past production, or is based upon some other method, submit attachments with supporting data and/or explaining method and providing rate projections or other required data.

10. Are all working, overriding, and royalty interests identical in all commingled zones?  Yes  No  
If not, have all working, overriding, and royalty interests been notified by certified mail?  Yes  No  
Have all offset operators been given written notice of the proposed downhole commingling?  Yes  No

11. Will cross-flow occur?  Yes  No If yes, are fluids compatible, will the formations not be damaged, will any cross-flowed production be recovered, and will the allocation formula be reliable.  Yes  No (If No, attach explanation)

12. Are all produced fluids from all commingled zones compatible with each other?  Yes  No

13. Will the value of production be decreased by commingling?  Yes  No (If Yes, attach explanation)

14. If this well is on, or communitized with, state or federal lands, either the Commissioner of Public Lands or the United States Bureau of Land Management has been notified in writing of this application.  Yes  No

15. NMOCD Reference Cases for Rule 303(D) Exceptions: ORDER NO(S). Reference Order R-9918 attached

**16. ATTACHMENTS:**

- \* C-102 for each zone to be commingled showing its spacing unit and acreage dedication.
- \* Production curve for each zone for at least one year. (If not available, attach explanation.)
- \* For zones with no production history, estimated production rates and supporting data.
- \* Data to support allocation method or formula.
- \* Notification list of all offset operators.
- \* Notification list of working, overriding, and royalty interests for uncommon interest cases.
- \* Any additional statements, data, or documents required to support commingling.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE: *Ken Collins*

TITLE: Production Engineer

DATE: 12-07-98

TYPE OR PRINT NAME: Ken Collins

TELEPHONE NO.: (505) 326-9700

District I  
PO Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Form C-  
Revised February 21, 1998  
Instructions on the  
Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

District II  
PO Drawer 00, Artesia, NM 88211-0719

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
PO Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV  
PO Box 2088, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

1 API Number 30-045-		2 Pool Code 72319/71599		3 Pool Name Blanco Mesaverde/Basin Dakota	
4 Property Code 6784		5 Property Name ALLISON UNIT			6 Well Number 40M
7 OGRID No. 14538		8 Operator Name BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS COMPANY			9 Elevation 6431'

10 Surface Location

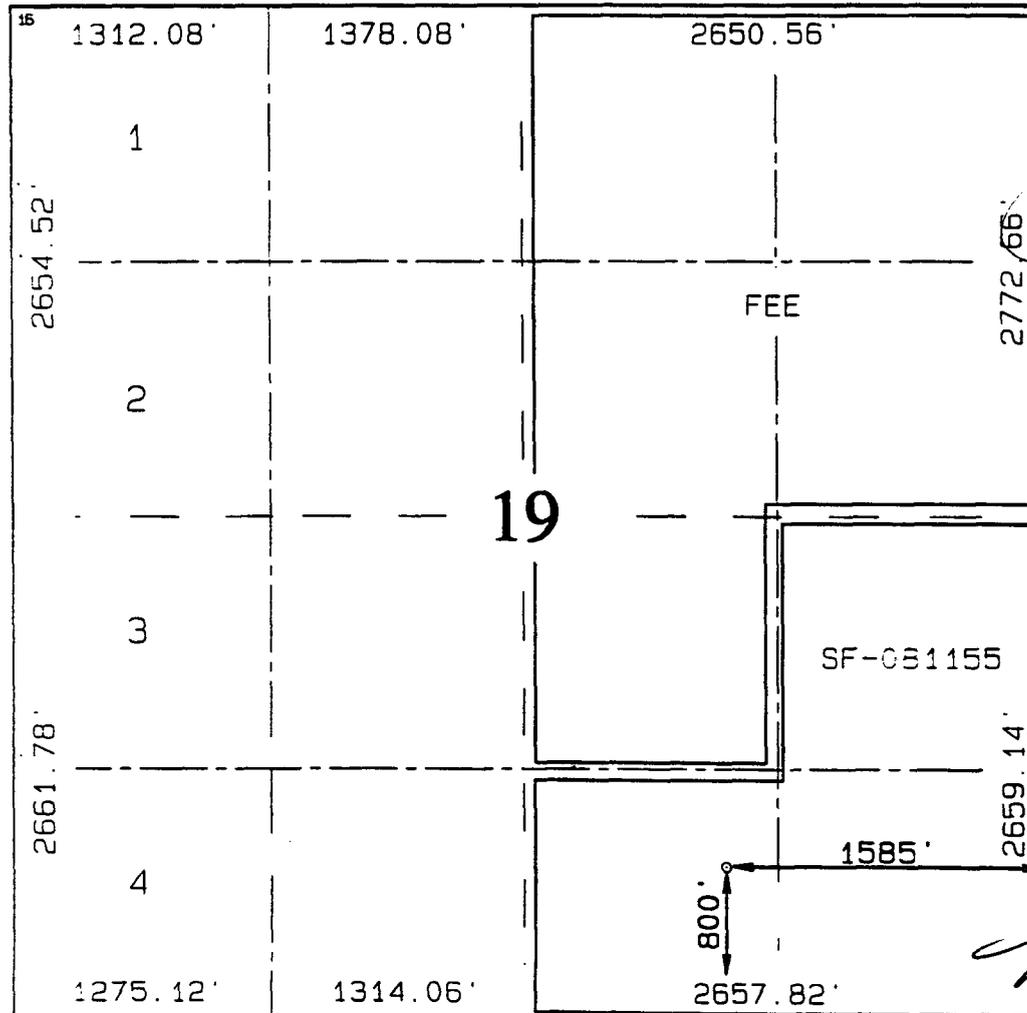
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0	19	32N	6W		800	SOUTH	1585	EAST	SAN JUAN

11 Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

12 Dedicated Acres MV-E/320 DK-E/320	13 Joint or Infill	14 Consolidation Code	15 Order No.
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



17 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Peggy Bradfield*  
Signature

Peggy Bradfield  
Printed Name

Regulatory Administrator  
Title

7-27-98  
Date

18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

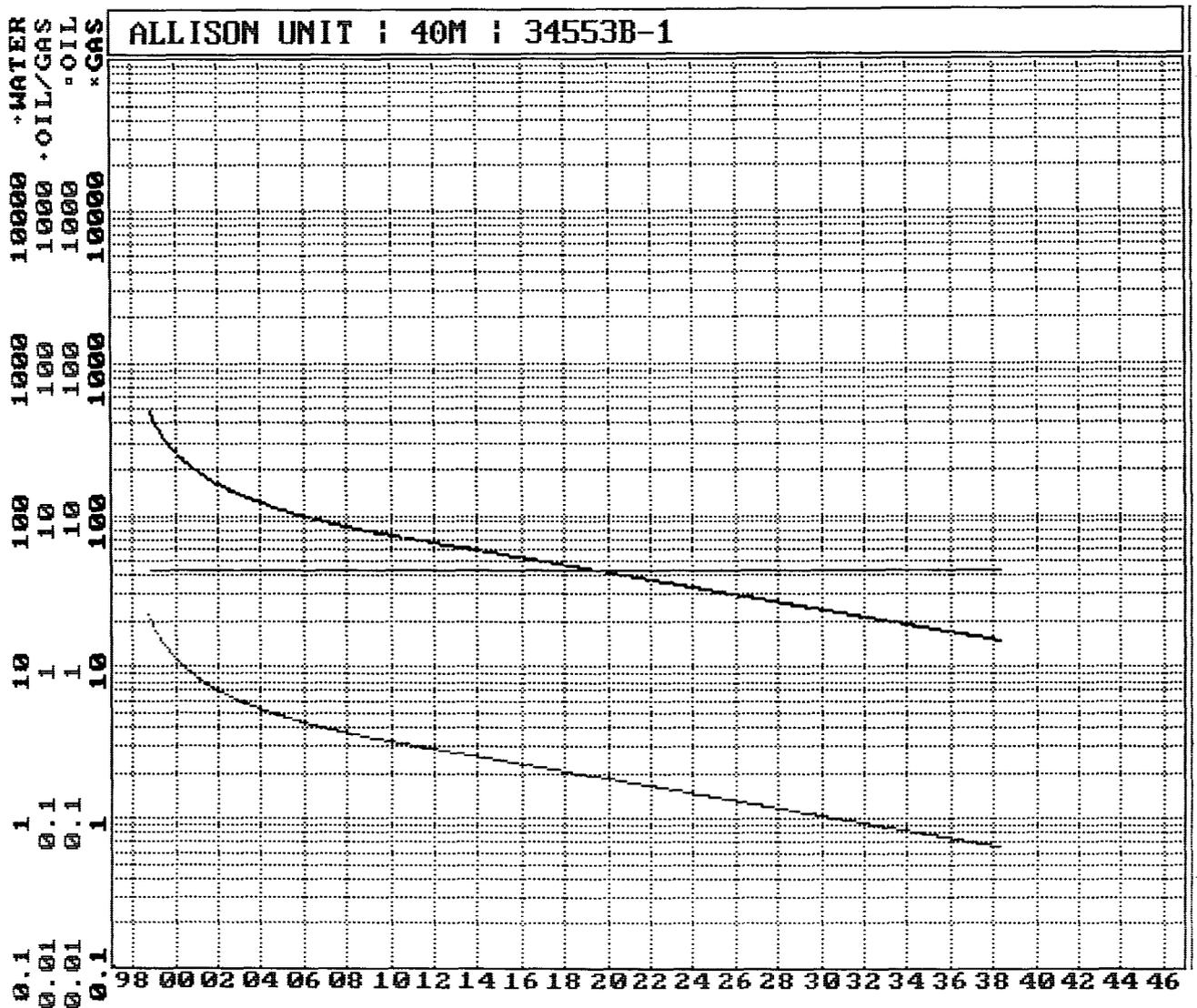
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

JUNE 24, 1998  
Date of Survey

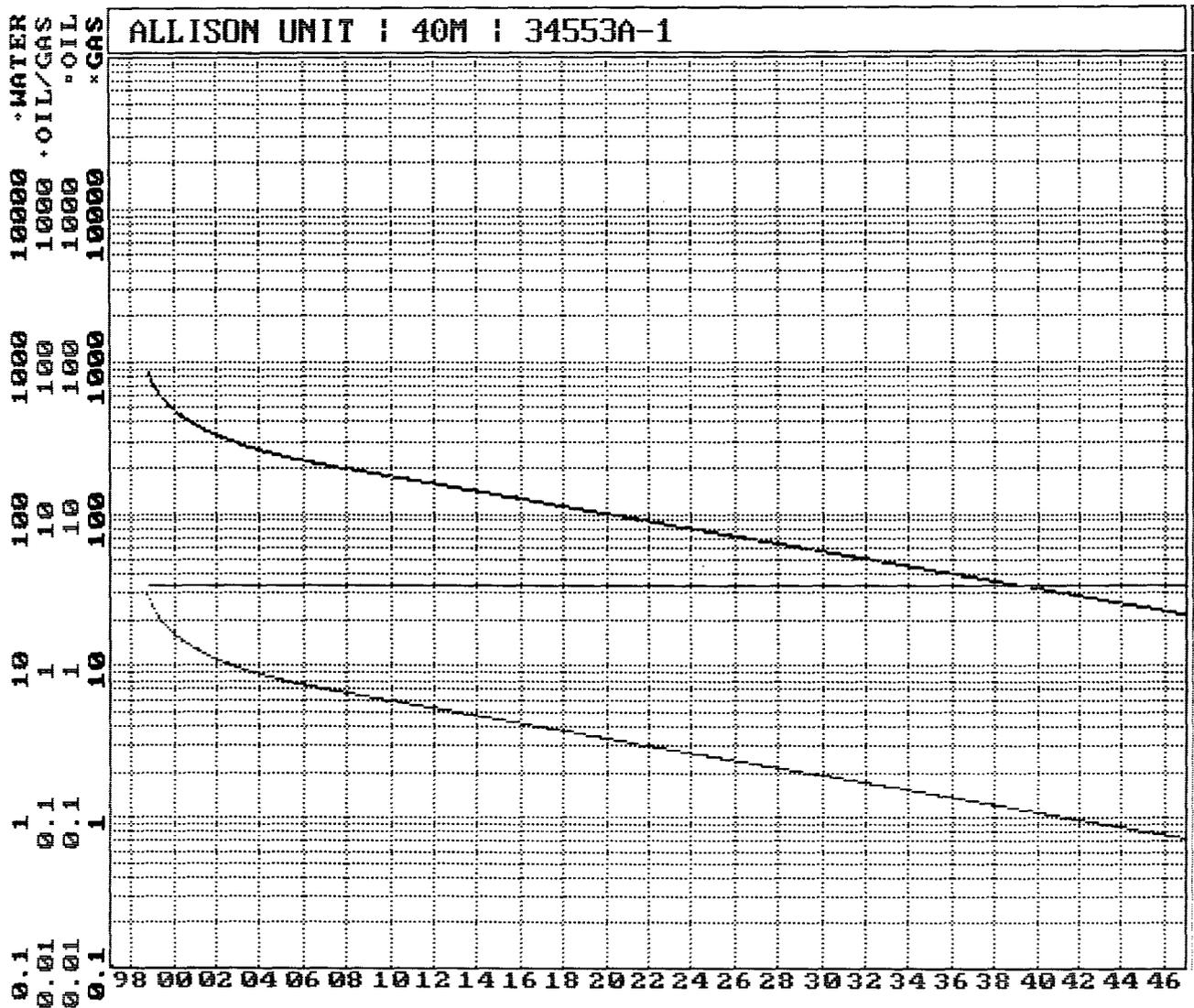
Signature and Seal of the Surveyor

NEALE C. EDWARDS  
NEW MEXICO  
6857  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR  
Certificate Number

Allison Unit #40M  
 Expected Production Curve  
 Basin Dakota



Allison Unit #40M  
 Expected Production Curve  
 Blanco Mesaverde



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05/02/68	268000	745.0	
10/15/70	480695	753.0	
08/31/71	555099	692.0	
06/22/72	644403	546.0	
07/03/73	743155	560.0	
05/03/74	816901	514.0	
06/01/76	991241	477.0	
08/02/78	1154052	550.0	
06/04/80	1269761	588.0	
05/03/82	1377131	632.0	
05/17/84	1448259	722.0	
03/17/86	1506873	726.0	
05/23/89	1647100	676.0	
02/18/91	1727189	649.0	
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Allison Unit #40M

Mesaverde Offset

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02/02/76	375836	1062.0
07/06/77	427076	1072.0
10/08/79	512385	1162.0
05/22/81	553961	1137.0
05/01/85	638667	1063.0
06/07/90	747700	1087.0
04/29/92	787957	1028.0 -current

Allison Unit #40M  
 Dakota Offset

**Allison Unit #40M**  
 Bottom Hole Pressures  
 Flowing and Static BHP  
 Cullender and Smith Method  
 Version 1.0 3/13/94

<b>Mesaverde</b>		<b>Dakota</b>	
<u>MV-Current</u>		<u>DK-Current</u>	
GAS GRAVITY	0.596	GAS GRAVITY	0.596
COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	C	COND. OR MISC. (C/M)	C
%N2	0.36	%N2	0.36
%CO2	3.93	%CO2	3.93
%H2S	0	%H2S	0
DIAMETER (IN)	1.25	DIAMETER (IN)	1.5
DEPTH (FT)	5682	DEPTH (FT)	7928
SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	60	SURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	60
BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	137	BOTTOMHOLE TEMPERATURE (DEG F)	198
FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0	FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	662	SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	1028
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	749.4	BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	1216.5
<u>MV-Original</u>		<u>DK-Original</u>	
GAS GRAVITY	0.596	GAS GRAVITY	0.596
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FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0	FLOWRATE (MCFPD)	0
SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	1190	SURFACE PRESSURE (PSIA)	2850
BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	1357.2	BOTTOMHOLE PRESSURE (PSIA)	3394.7



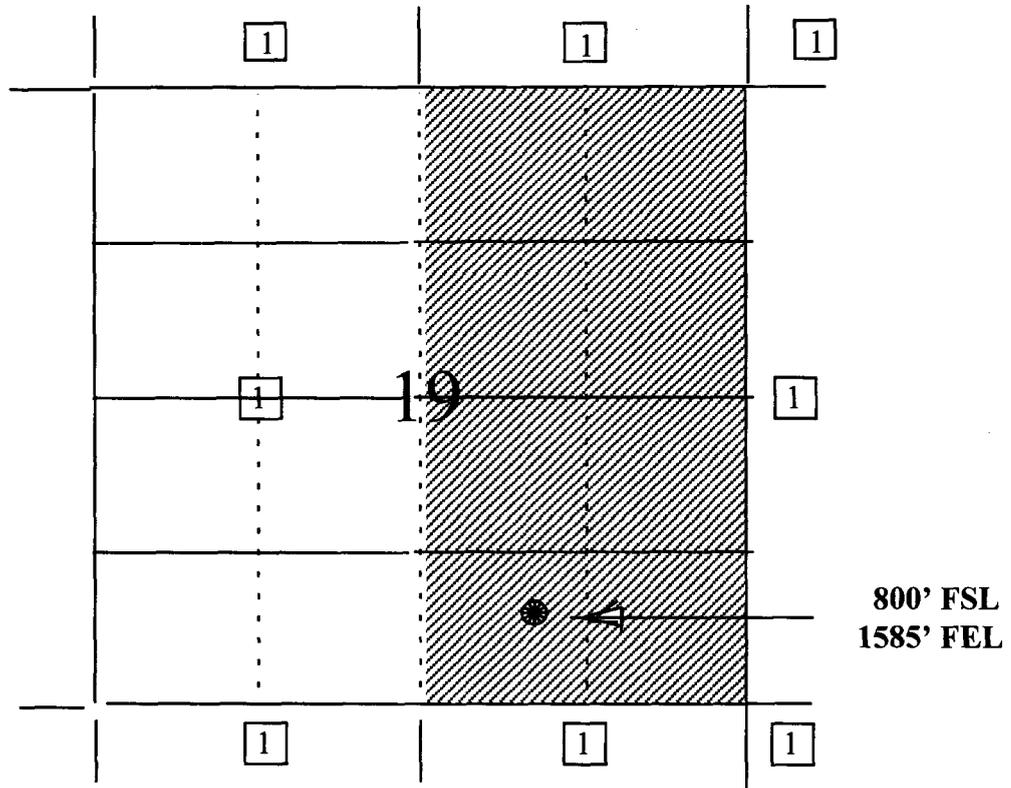
**BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL AND GAS COMPANY**

**Allison Unit #40M**

**OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT  
Downhole Commingle**

**Mesaverde / Dakota Formations Well**

**Township 32 North, Range 6 West**



1) Burlington Resources

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. 10743  
Order No. R-9918

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.  
FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING AND FOR  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING  
PROCEDURE WITHIN THE ALLISON UNIT  
AREA, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on June 17, 1993, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 6th day of July, 1993, 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) The applicant, Meridian Oil Inc., seeks approval to commingle gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools within the Allison Unit Well No. 9R located 1720 feet from the North line and 1655 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (3) The applicant further seeks the adoption of an administrative procedure for authorizing the downhole commingling of Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pool production within certain existing and subsequently drilled wells in its Allison Unit Area, San Juan County, New Mexico, without additional notice to each affected interest owner within the Unit Area.

(4) The Allison Unit Well No. 9R is to be drilled as a replacement well for the Allison Unit Well No. 9 which is located 1765 feet from the North line and 1500 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 13 and which is currently completed in and producing from the Basin-Dakota Pool.

(5) The Allison Unit Well No. 9 was drilled in 1955 and has cumulatively recovered some 4.4 BCF of gas from the Basin-Dakota Pool.

(6) Due to the age and mechanical condition of the Allison Unit Well No. 9, the applicant has estimated that it will not recover some 1.7 BCF of gas in the Basin-Dakota Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 13.

(7) Applicant's testimony indicates that due to economics, the Allison Unit Well No. 9R cannot be drilled solely to recover gas reserves in the Basin-Dakota Pool.

(8) The applicant expects to encounter marginal production only from the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool.

(9) The proposed downhole commingling is necessary in order for the applicant to economically recover Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Pool reserves underlying the E/2 of Section 13.

(10) The Allison Unit is a Federal exploratory unit initially comprising some 11,705 acres in New Mexico and some 2,069 acres in Colorado. Within New Mexico, the unit comprises portions of Township 32 North, Ranges 6 and 7 West, NMPM, San Juan County. The unit was formed in 1950 and is currently operated by Meridian Oil Inc.

(11) The evidence and testimony presented indicates that the Basin-Dakota and Blanco-Mesaverde Pools have both been substantially developed within the Allison Unit.

(12) The applicant has identified numerous Mesaverde and Dakota well locations within the Allison Unit which by virtue of marginal gas reserves and resulting poor economics cannot be economically drilled and produced as stand alone units.

(13) The current well economics and projected Dakota and Mesaverde gas reserves underlying these respective tracts virtually assure that these wells must be downhole commingled in order to meet the economic criteria for drilling.

(14) The applicant expects initial producing rates from both the Mesaverde and Dakota formations to be fairly marginal in nature.

(15) The applicant further demonstrated through its evidence and testimony that within the wells it proposes or will propose to commingle within the Unit Area:

- a) there will be no crossflow between the two commingled pools;
- b) neither commingled zone exposes the other to damage by produced liquids;
- c) the fluids from each zone are compatible with the other;
- d) the bottomhole pressure of the lower pressure zone should not be less than 50 percent of the bottomhole pressure of the higher pressure zone adjusted to a common datum; and,
- e) the value of the commingled production is not less than the sum of the values of the individual production.

(16) The Dakota and Mesaverde Participating Areas within the Allison Unit are not common.

(17) By virtue of different Participating Areas, the interest ownership between the Dakota and Mesaverde formations within any given wellbore is not common.

(18) Applicant's Exhibit No. 2 in this case is a list of three hundred and fifty four (354) interest owners in the Dakota and Mesaverde Participating Areas within the Allison Unit. All such interest owners were notified of the application in this case.

(19) Rule No. 303(C) of the Division Rules and Regulations provides that administrative approval for downhole commingling may be granted provided that the interest ownership, including working, royalty and overriding royalty interest, is common among the commingled zones.

(20) Applicant's proposed administrative procedure would provide for Division approval to downhole commingle wells in the Allison Unit Area without hearing, and without the requirement that each interest owner in the Dakota and Mesaverde Participating Areas be notified of such commingling.

(21) The downhole commingling of wells within the Allison Unit Area will benefit working, royalty and overriding royalty interest owners. In addition, the downhole commingling of wells within the Allison Unit Area should not violate the correlative rights of any interest owner.

(22) Evidence in this case indicates that . . . to each interest owner within the Dakota and Mesaverde Participating Areas of subsequently downhole comminglings within the Allison Unit is unnecessary and is an excessive burden on the applicant.

(23) No interest owner and/or offset operator appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

(24) An administrative procedure should be established within the Allison Unit for obtaining approval for subsequently downhole commingled wells without notice to Unit interest owners and hearing, provided however that, all provisions contained within Rule No. 303(C) of the Division Rules and Regulations, with the exception of Part 1 (b)(v), are fully complied with.

(25) The proposed administrative procedure for obtaining approval for downhole commingling will allow the applicant the opportunity to recover additional gas reserves from the Allison Unit Area which may otherwise not be recovered, thereby preventing waste, and will not violate correlative rights.

(26) In the interest of prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights, the proposed downhole commingling within the Allison Unit Well No. 9R should be approved.

(27) The applicant should consult with the supervisor of the Aztec District Office of the Division subsequent to the completion of the subject well in order to determine a proper allocation of production.

(28) The operator should immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division any time the subject well has been shut-in for seven consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The applicant, Meridian Oil Inc., is hereby authorized to commingle gas production from the Blanco-Mesaverde and Basin-Dakota Pools within the Allison Unit Well No. 9R located 1720 feet from the North line and 1655 feet from the East line (Unit G) of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) The applicant shall consult with the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division subsequent to the completion of the subject well in order to determine a proper allocation of production.

(3) The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division any time the subject well has been shut-in for seven consecutive days and shall concurrently present, to the Division, a plan for remedial action.

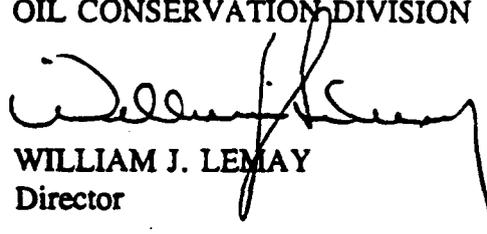
(4) An administrative procedure for obtaining approval to downhole commingle wells within the Allison Unit, located in portions of Township 32 North, Ranges 6 and 7 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby established.

(5) In order to obtain Division authorization to downhole commingle wells within the Allison Unit, the applicant shall file an application with the Santa Fe and Aztec Offices of the Division. Such application shall contain all of the information required under Rule No. 303(C) of the Division Rules and Regulations, provided however that the applicant shall not be required to provide notice to all interest owners within the Dakota and Mesaverde Participating Areas in the Allison Unit of such proposed commingling. In addition, the application shall contain evidence that all offset operators and the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have been notified of the proposed commingling.

(6) Jurisdiction is hereby 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.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

  
WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director

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