

# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

May 3, 1999

Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation 610 Reilly Avenue Farmington, New Mexico 87401 Attention: George Sharpe DECEIVED MAY - 4 1999

Telefax No. (505) 326-5900

OIL CON. DIV.

Administrative Order NSL-4275

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

Reference is made to your application dated April 7, 1999 for an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "Special Rules for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-10987-A, issued in Division Case No. 12069 dated February 1, 1999, for an unorthodox Blanco-Mesaverde infill gas well location in an existing non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") for the Blanco-Mesaverde Pool comprising the SW/4 of Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (approved by Division Order No. R-8320, issued in Case No. 8972 dated October 9, 1986). This unit is currently dedicated to Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation's Ired State Well No. 1-R (API No. 30-039-25416), located at a standard gas well location 1050 feet from the South line and 790 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 32.

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rules 104.F and 605.B of the Rules and Regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division").

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F(2), the following described well to be drilled at an unorthodox infill gas well location on this 160-acre GPU in Section 32 is hereby approved:

Ired State Well No. 1-A
1995' FSL & 1945' FWL (Unit K) ~ (API No. 30-039-26160).

Further, both of the aforementioned Ired State Well Nos. 1-R and 1-A and existing 160-acre GPU will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to prorated gas pools in Northwest, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery

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Director LW/MES/kv

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Aztec

New Mexico State Land Office - Santa Fe

# MERRION

OIL & GAS

April 7, 1999



Mr. Michael E. Stogner New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco St. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Merrion Oil & Gas Corp.

**Non-Standard Location** 

**Ired State 1A** 

Blanco Mesaverde Pool

**SW/4 Section 32, T30N, R7W** 

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Merrion Oil & Gas Corporation (Merrion) requests administrative approval for a non-standard location for the subject well. Merrion has submitted an APD to drill the subject well 1945' FWL and 1995' FSL of Section 32, T30N, R7W. Since the well is only 645 feet from the northern boundary of the spacing unit, it is non-standard by 15 feet.

Exhibit 1 is the C-102 for the well and Exhibit 2 is a topographic map showing the proposed well location. We originally planned to drill the well at 1950' FWL and 1950' FSL. However, that was pushing us up against the edge of a large rock outcrop, an impossible spot to build the location. We had to move the well slightly north to get away from the cliff so that we had room for the location.

Exhibit 3 is a map showing the offset operators to the north of our spacing unit. Exhibit 4 is an address listing of the offset operators. Each operator received a certified copy of this application.

Please notify me at (505) 327-9801, ext. 114 if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

George F. Sharpe

Manager – Oil & Gas Investments

Xc: Well file

JFrank Chavez – Aztec OCD

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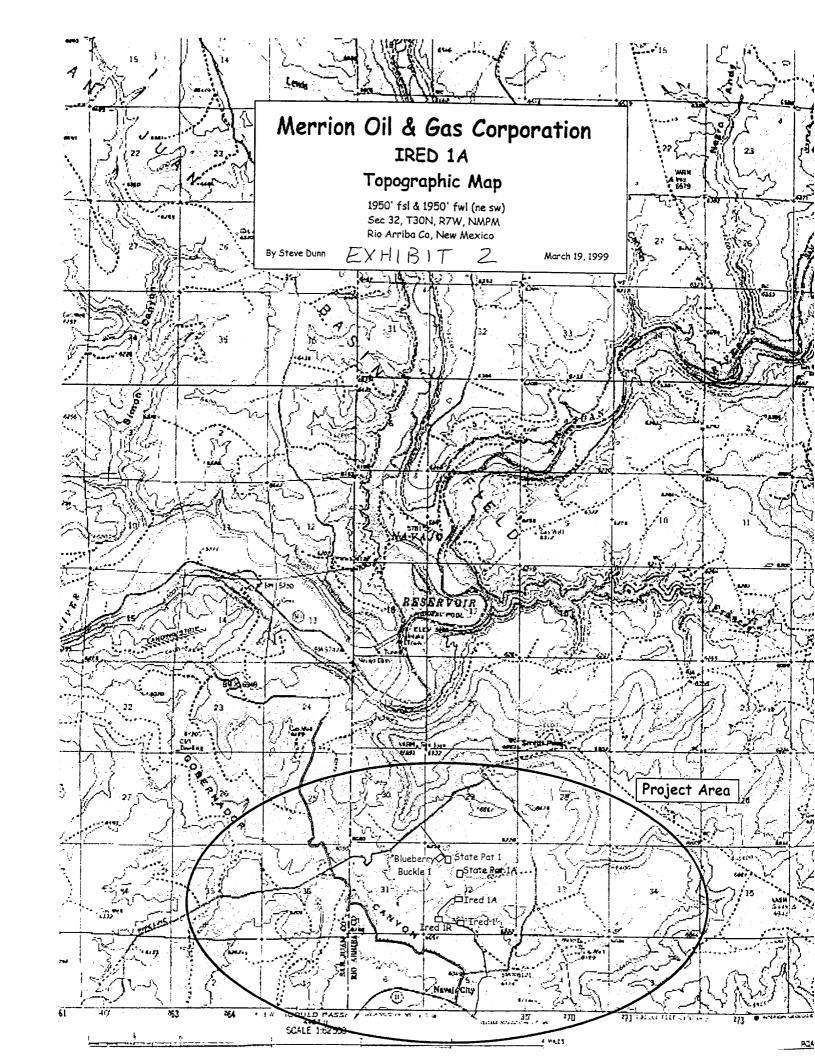
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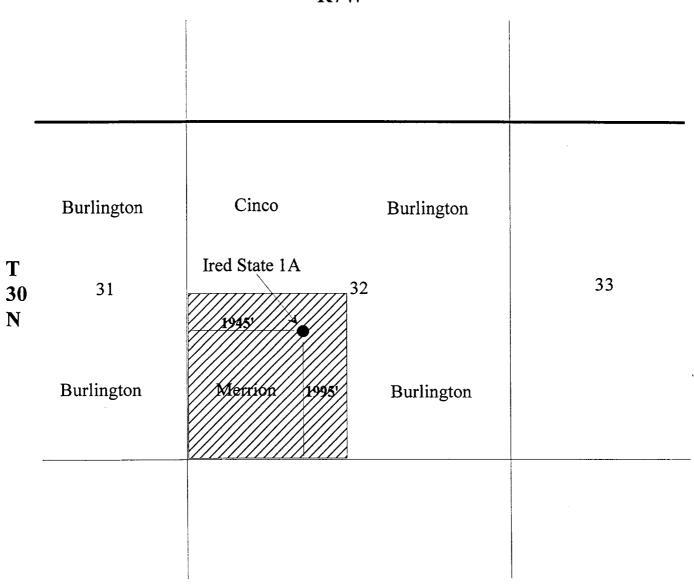
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# EXHIBIT 3 OFFSET OPERATOR PLAT IRED STATE 1A NON-STANDARD LOCATION

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### Exhibit 4

# Offset Operator Notification Ired State 1A Non-Standard Location

To: Offset Operators

If you have questions, please call George Sharpe at (505) 327-9801, ext. 114. If you have any objections to this application, please notify the NMOCD in writing within 20 days of receipt of this application.

Mr. Dean Price Burlington Resources P.O. Box 4289 Farmington, NM 87499

Mr. Frank Gorham III Cinco General Partnership P.O. Box 451 Albuquerque, NM 87103