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January 6, 1994

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

RE:

Thompson C #6

Unit I. Section 10, T27N, R12W 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 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 Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corporation and Amoco Production Company. The Bureau of Land Management and the above mentioned operators have received notification of this downhole commingle.

The Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs wells producing in this area operated by Meridian and others are marginally productive. Based on offset production in this area, drilling of separate wells and dual completions to produce the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs are not economically justified. The only economical way to recover the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs reserves in this drill block is to downhole commingle production from both zones in this well.

The Pictured Cliffs formation is currently completed and marginally productive. It is proposed to set a bridge plug above the Pictured Cliffs, perforate and stimulate the Fruitland Coal, and test its production. The bridge plug will then be removed, and both zones produced 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, and only minimal amounts of similar water are produced in the offset wells. The shut-in pressures for the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal are 240 and 320 psi, respectively.

The allocation of the commingled production will be calculated using the attached allocation formula. This formula is based on offset Pictured Cliffs production performance (material balance), and uses accepted Reservoir Engineering methods to allocate the Pictured Cliffs reserves. This addresses the Fruitland Coal producing characteristics of early life inclining production rates.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Mr. Bill LeMay Thompson C #6 Downhole Commingling Request Page Two

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 the offset operators, and an allocation formula.

Sincerely,

Arden L. Walker, Jr.

Regional Production Engineer

SBD:tdg Attachments

cc: Frank T. Chavez - NMOCD/Aztec

Peggy A. Bradfield

Well File

#### MERIDIAN OIL

January 6, 1994

Bureau of Land Management 1235 La Plata Highway Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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The purpose of this letter is to notify you of such action. If you have no objections to the proposed commingling order, we would appreciate your signing this letter and returning it to this office.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Scott B. Daves Production Engineer

#### SBD/tdg

#### MERIDIAN OIL

January 6, 1994

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. 1400 Quail Springs Parkway Suite 1400 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73134

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The above downhole commingling request is hereby approved:

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January 6, 1994

Amoco Production P.O. Box 800 Denver, Colorado 80201

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Date:

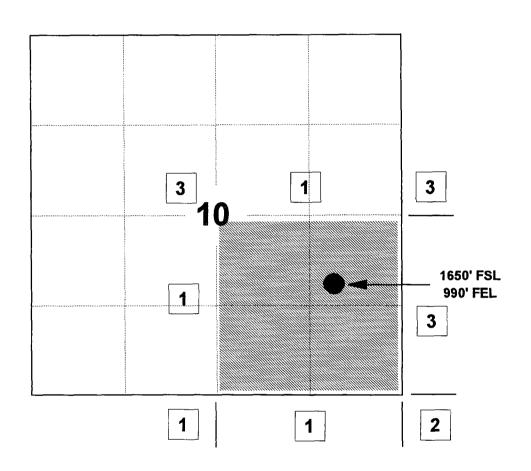
# MERIDIAN OIL INC

# **THOMPSON C#6**

# OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

# Fruitland Coal / Pictured Cliffs Formations Commingle

Township 27 North, Range 12 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc			
2) Amoco Production Company	PO Box 800, Denver, CO 80201		
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**Pictured Cliffs Formation** 

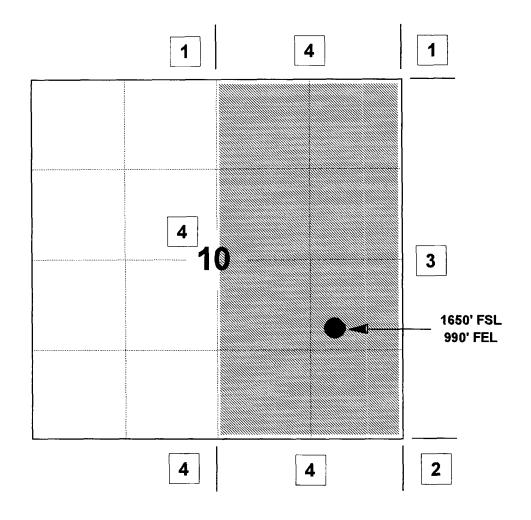
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**Fruitland Coal Formation** 

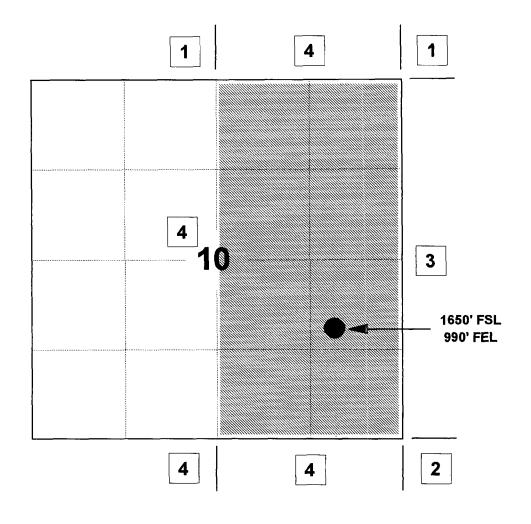
# **MERIDIAN OIL INC**

# **THOMPSON C#6**

## **OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT**

## **Fruitland Coal Unorthodox Well Location**

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Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp			
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# **THOMPSON C#6**

### MONTHLY GAS PRODUCTION ALLOCATION FORMULA

#### **GENERAL EQUATION**

Qt = Qftc + Qpc

WHERE:

Qt =

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION (MCF/MONTH)

Qftc =

FRUITLAND COAL (ftc) MONTHLY PRODUCTION

Qpc =

PICTURED CLIFFS (pc) MONTHLY PRODUCTION (MCF/MONTH)

REARRANGING THE EQUATION TO SOLVE FOR Qftc:

Qftc = Qt - Qpc

ANY PRODUCTION RATE OVER WHAT IS CALCULATED FOR THE PICTURED CLIFFS (PC) USING THE APPLIED FORMULA IS FRUITLAND COAL (FTC) PRODUCTION.

PICTURED CLIFFS (PC) FORMATION PRODUCTION FORMULA IS:

 $Qpc = Qpci X e^{-(Dpc)} X (t)$ 

WHERE:

Qpci =

INITIAL PC MONTHLY FLOW RATE = 2,797 MCF/M (DETERMINED FROM

TESTED RATE AGAINST 75 PSI LINE PRESSURE AS OPPOSED TO

HISTORICAL LINE PRESSURE OF 175 PSI)

Dpc =

PICTURED CLIFFS MONTHLY DECLINE RATE CALCULATED FROM DECLINE

**CURVE AND MATERIAL BALANCE ANALYSIS:** 

Dpc = (0.0045/M)

THUS:

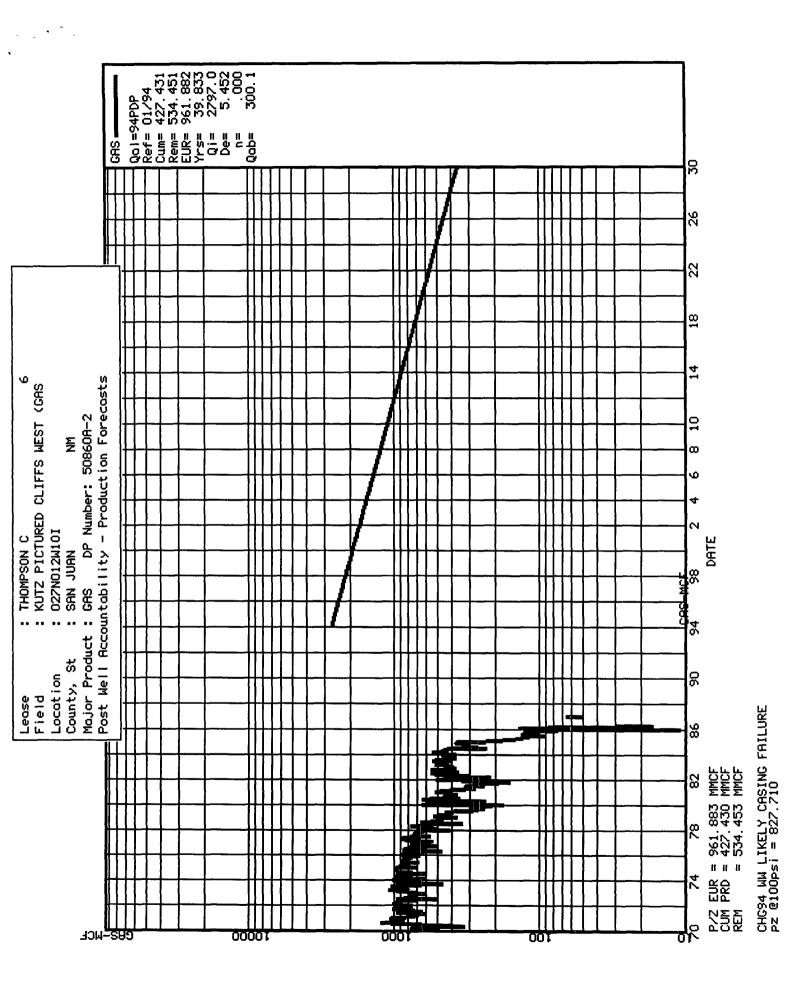
Qftc =

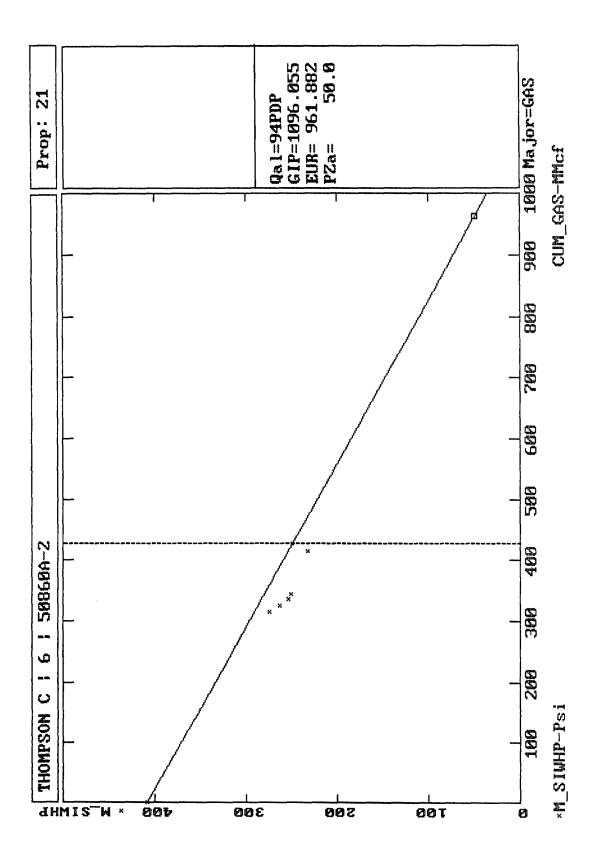
Qt - Qpci X e^{-(0.0045) X (t)}

WHERE:

(t) IS IN MONTHS

REFERENCE: Thompson, R. S., and Wright, J. D., "Oil Property Evaluation", pages 5-2, 5-3, 5-4,





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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO



# ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

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OVERNOR		CAMMET SECRETARY		AZTEC, NEW MEXICO (SIN) 334-6178
Date: 1/27/9	<b>Ч</b>			
Oil Conservation P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87				
Proposed N	MC NSL NFX NSP	P P P	roposed DHC roposed SWD roposed PMX roposed DD	<u> </u>
Gentlemen:				
I have examined t	he application recei	ved on 1/11/92	<u> </u>	
for the Mer	ihi	5 homes	10n C#6	
	OPERATOR	·	LEA	SE & WELL NO.
<u>I-10-25</u> UL-S-T-R	7N-1ZW	and r	ny recommendati	ons are as follows:
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Yours truly,				