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Case 7725

Re: Application for Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation for Compulsory Pooling, Rio Arriba, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed is a copy of the application of Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation in the above-referenced matter.

The applicant requests that this matter be included on the docket for the examiner hearing scheduled to be held on November 10, 1982.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

encl. WFC/yp

BEFORE THE

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERRION OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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APPLICATION

Come now, Merrion Oil and Gas Corporation, by and through its undersigned attorneys and, as provided by Section 70-2-17, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, hereby makes application for an order pooling all of the mineral interests in all formations from the surface down through and including the Gallup formation in and under the NE/4 of Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and in support thereof would show the Division:

- 1. Applicant owns or represents 75% of the working interest in and under the NE/4 of Section 15, and application has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to dedicate the above-referenced pooled unit to a well to be drilled at an orthodox location in the NE/4 of said Section 15.
- 3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain either voluntary agreement for pooling or farmout from M. J. Harvey, Post Office Box 12705, Dallas, Texas 75225, owner of a 25% working interest in the NE/4 of said Section 15.

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- 4. Said pooling of interest and well completion will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. In order to permit the applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, the mineral interest should be pooled, and applicant should be designated the operator of the well to be drilled.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Division's duly appointed examiner and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order pooling the lands, including provisions designating the applicant as operator of the well, providing for applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well, and its costs of supervision while drilling, and after completion, including overhead charges, and imposing a risk factor for the risk assumed by the applicant in drilling, completing and equipping the well, and making such other and further provisions as may be proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,
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