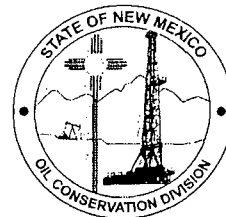


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September 30, 2009

Philana Thompson
Regulatory Analyst
Merrion Oil & Gas
610 Reily Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401

Subject: **Request for Extension of the Commencement of Drilling the Westland Park Wells No. 1 (API 30-045-34749), and No.2 (API 30-045-34750) Pursuant to Order No. R-13000.**

Dear Ms Thompson:

The Oil conservation Division (OCD) received your letter of September 28, 2009 regarding the above Subject on September 30, 2009. It is our understanding that the first extension to commence drilling these two wells will expire today September 30, 2009.

Based upon the reasons stated in your letter, and in accordance with the provisions of Division Order No. R-13000, Merrion Oil & Gas is hereby granted a second extension of time until September 30, 2010, in which to commence the drilling of these two wells pooled by this order.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

MEF/re

Cc: ✓ Case No. 14163, Order No. R-13000
OCD District III Office - Aztec





September 28, 2009

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn. Richard Ezeanyim
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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**RE: Case 14163, Order R-13000
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
COMPULSORY POOLING - WESTLAND PARK #1 AND #2 WELLS
BASIN FRUITLAND COAL GAS POOL
N/2 SECTION 18, T29N, R13W
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Ezeanyim:

By Order R-13000, the NMOCD approved the compulsory pooling for the subject lands as to the Fruitland Coal Formation. An extension was granted until September 30, 2009 to have the wells spud. Merrion has run into permitting and delays in obtaining the ROW for the pipeline for the two above mentioned wells. We would like to request for another extension so that we may continue working towards the ROW for the pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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