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Oil Conservation Division

Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Re: Carson Well No. 2, K-7-30N-4W
Application of Meridian Oil Inc.
for downhole commingling, an
unorthodox well location and
non-standard proration units,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., please find enclosed our referenced application which we request be set for hearing on the next available Examiner's docket now scheduled for June 15, 1995.

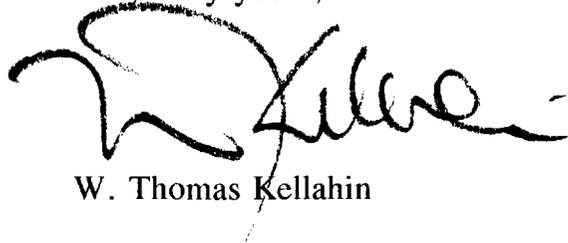
By copy of this letter and application, sent certified mail, we are notifying all interested parties of their right to appear at the hearing and participate in this case, including the right to present evidence either in support of or in opposition to the application and that failure to appear at the hearing may preclude them from any involvement in this case at a later date

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Pursuant to the Division's Memorandum 2-90, all parties are hereby informed that if they appear in this case, then they are requested to file a Pre-Hearing Statement with the Division not later than 4:00 PM on Friday, May 26, 1995, with a copy delivered to the undersigned.

Also enclosed is our proposed advertisement of this case for the NMOCD docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thomas Kellahin', written over a horizontal line.

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/wtk
Enclosure

cc: Meridian Oil Inc. and
By Certified Mail - Return Receipt
All Interested Parties

PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT

Case 11302: Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for downhole commingling, unorthodox well location and two non-standard proration units, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval to downhole commingle conventional undesignated Gallup formation production (109.29-acre non-standard dedication comprising Lots 3, 4 and E/2SW/4, being SW/4 equivalent) with gas production from the Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool (218.30-acre non-standard dedication comprising Lots 1,2,3,4, and E/2W/2, being the W/2 equivalent of irregular Section 7) within the wellbore of its existing Carson Well No. 2 at an unorthodox location 1470 feet from the South line and 810 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Irregular Section 7, T30N, R4W, NMPM. Said well is located approximately 18 miles southwest of the Dulce, New Mexico. **IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THIS APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC.
FOR DOWNHOLE COMMINGLING,
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE: 11302

APPLICATION

Comes now MERIDIAN OIL INC., ("Meridian") by and through its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval to downhole commingle conventional undesignated Gallup formation production (109.29-acre non-standard dedication comprising Lots 3, 4 and E/2SW/4, being SW/4 equivalent) with gas production from the Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool (218.30-acre non-standard dedication comprising Lots 1,2,3,4, and E/2W/2, being the W/2 equivalent of irregular Section 7) within the wellbore of its existing Carson Well No. 2 at an unorthodox location 1470 feet from the South line and 810 feet from the West line (Unit K) of Irregular Section 7, T30N, R4W, NMPM.

In support of its application, Meridian states:

(1) Meridian is the operator of the Carson Well No. 2 in Unit K of irregular Section 7, T30N, R4W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico which currently is a single completion well dedicated to production from the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.
See Exhibit "A" attached.

(2) Meridian proposes to plug and abandon the existing Dakota perforation in this wellbore and recomplete it so that production from the Blanco Mesaverde Gas Pool and the Gallup formation can be downhole commingled in the wellbore.

(3) The ownership is common for the well and its respective spacing and proration units in both pools.

(4) In accordance with Division Rule 303-C-1.(b), the Applicant states and will demonstrate at hearing:

1. the downhole commingling in this wellbore is necessary because evidence indicates that the Gallup formation production from this well is expected to be marginally productive and will have to be abandoned unless it is downhole commingled with Blanco Mesaverde Gas production. In addition, it is not economic to attempt to dually complete those formations in this well;

2. there will be no crossflow between the two zones commingled;

3. neither commingled zones exposes the other to damage by produced liquids;

4. the fluids from each zone are compatible with the other;

5. it is expected that the bottom hole pressure of the lower pressure zone is not less than 50 percent of the bottom hole pressure of the higher pressure zone adjusted to a common datum.

6. the value of the commingled production will not be less than the sum of the values of the individual production.

(5) The proposed downhole commingling is necessary in order for the applicant to economically recover Blanco Mesaverde Gas and Gallup formation reserves underlying each respective proration unit.

(6) An allocation of gas volumes from both zones will be presented at the time of the hearing.

(7) Applicant requests that this matter be docketed for hearing on the Division's Examiner docket now scheduled for June 1, 1995.

(8) Copy of this application has been sent to all offsetting operators to the two spacing units for the well as shown on Exhibit "B" and "C".

(9) Copy of this application has been sent to all owners of production within the two spacing units as shown on Exhibit "D".

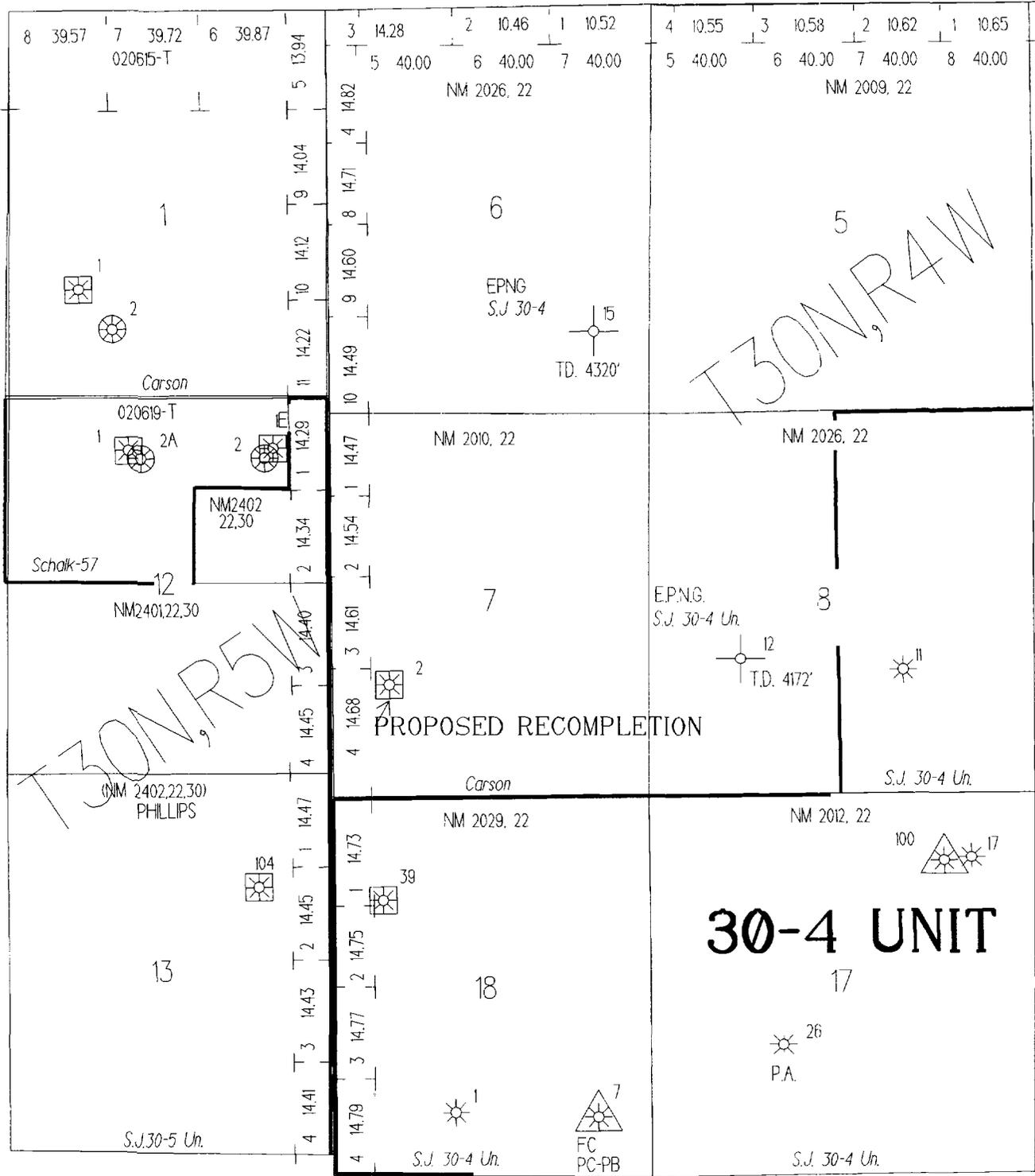
WHEREFORE Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on June 1, 1995 before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted

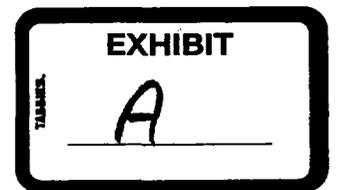


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CARSON #2 WELL SECTION 7, T30N, R4W RIO ARRIBA CO., NEW MEXICO



- FRUITLAND SAND WELL
- FRUITLAND COAL WELL
- PICTURED CLIFFS WELL
- MESAVERDE WELL
- DAKOTA WELL
- GALLUP WELL



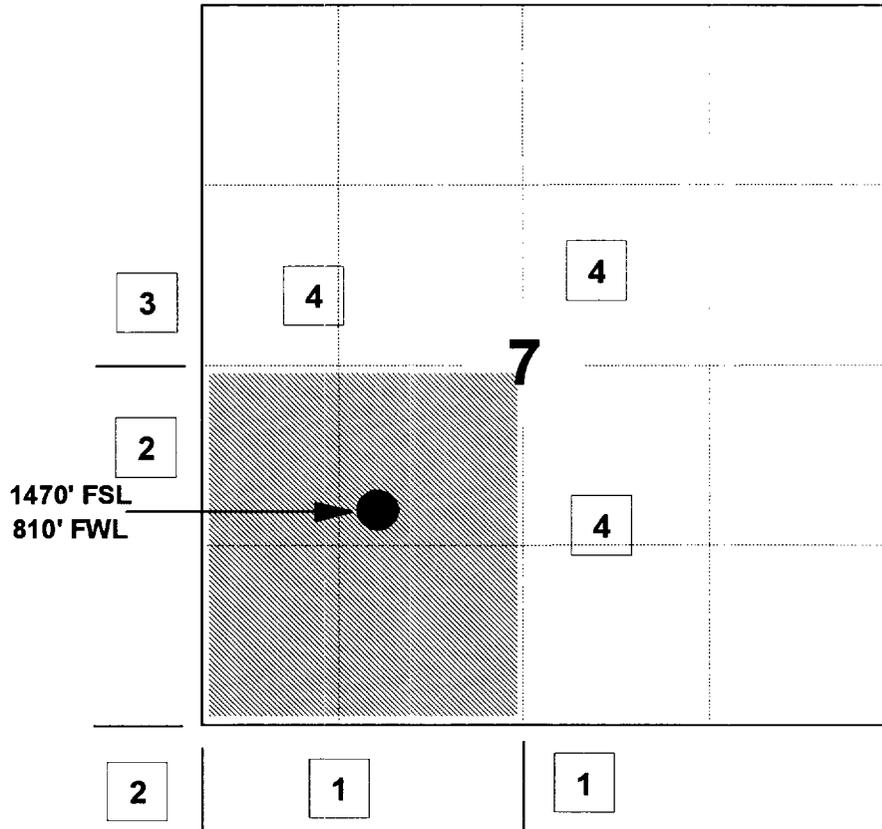
MERIDIAN OIL INC

Carson #2

OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Mesaverde / Gallup Formations Commingle Well

Township 30 North, Range 4 West



See Attachment

EXHIBIT
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Gallup Formation

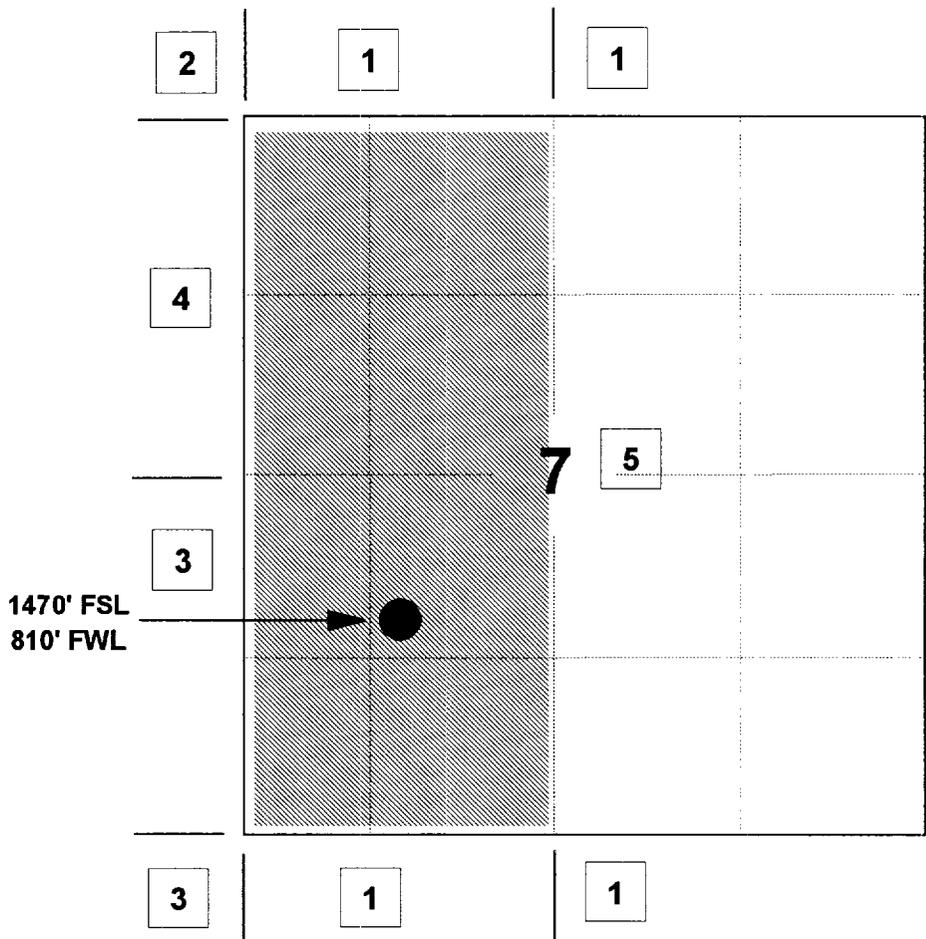
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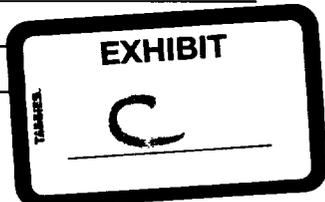
OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Non-Standard Proration Unit

Township 30 North, Range 4 West



See Attachment



Mesaverde Formation

CARSON #2
Mesaverde / Gallup Formations Commingle

1. Meridian Oil Inc.
2. Southland Royalty Company
3. Phillips Petroleum Company
5525 HWY 64, NBU 3004
Farmington, NM 87401
4. Coastline Petroleum Co.
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5. Meridian Oil Inc.

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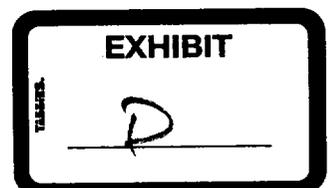
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CARSON #2
NE/4 SW/4 (1470' FSL, 810' FWL)
Section 7, T-30-N, R-4-W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

GALLUP and MESAVERDE OWNERS

	<u>TYPE OF INTEREST</u>
Minerals Management Service Royalty Management Program P.O. Box 5810 Denver, CO 80217-5810	RI
Meridian Oil Production Inc. 3535 E. 30th Street Farmington, NM 87402	WI
El Paso Production Company 3535 E. 30th Street Farmington, NM 87402	WI
Kathleen Quinn c/o Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque, N.A. P.O. Box 26900 Albuquerque, NM 87125	WI
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Robert Bayless P.O. Box 168 Farmington, NM 87499	WI
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Thelma Pool Revocable Martial Trust c/o 1st Interstate Bank of Denver N/A Trust Minerals/023 P.O. Box 5825 Denver, CO 80217	WI



Carson #2 ownership continued.

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