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October 23, 1989

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Mr. William J. LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Re: Meridian Oil Inc., on behalf of
El Paso Natural Gas Company,
for Unorthodox Location, San
Juan 30-6 Unit Well No. 479,
Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

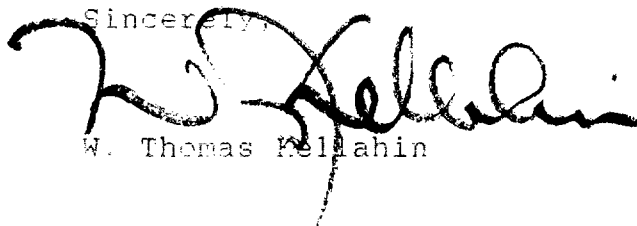
Case 9812

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of
Meridian Oil Inc.'s application on behalf of El Paso Natural
Gas Company, for approval of an unorthodox location in the
Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New
Mexico. Please set this application for hearing on the ex-
aminer's docket on November 15, 1989.

There are no offsetting owners or operators to be
notified because all surrounding lands are within the San
Juan 30-6 Unit operated by El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Sincerely,



W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/tic
Encl.

cc: Mr. Alan Alexander
Meridian Oil Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, New Mexico 87409-4289

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. ON BEHALF
OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION, BASIN FRUITLAND COAL
GAS POOL, RIO ARriba COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

Case No. 9812

A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW Meridian Oil Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, by and through its attorneys, KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval of an unorthodox Basin Fruitland Coal gas well location for its San Juan 30-6 Unit No. 479 Well, 2300 feet FWL and 1310 feet FSL (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 29, T30N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

1. El Paso Natural Gas Company is the operator of the above-described proration and spacing unit which is part of the San Juan 30-6 Unit.

2. Applicant proposes to form a standard proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of Section 29, in accordance with the rules governing the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool.

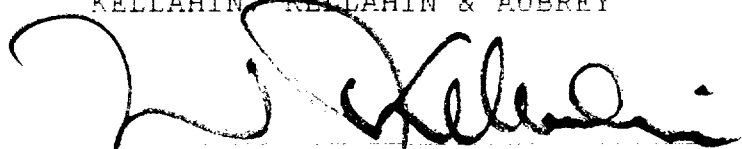
3. Due to archaeological considerations, Applicant proposes to drill its San Juan 30-6 Unit No. 479 Well at an unorthodox gas well location 2300 feet FWL and 1310 feet FSL (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 29, T30N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

4. Attached as Exhibit A is a plat showing the described acreage and the proposed well location.

5. There are no offsetting owners or operators to be notified because all surrounding lands are in the San Juan 30-6 Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that after notice and hearing, the application be granted.

KELLAHIN KELLAHIN & AUBREY

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Post Office Box 2265
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(505) 982-4285

Attorneys for Meridian Oil Inc.

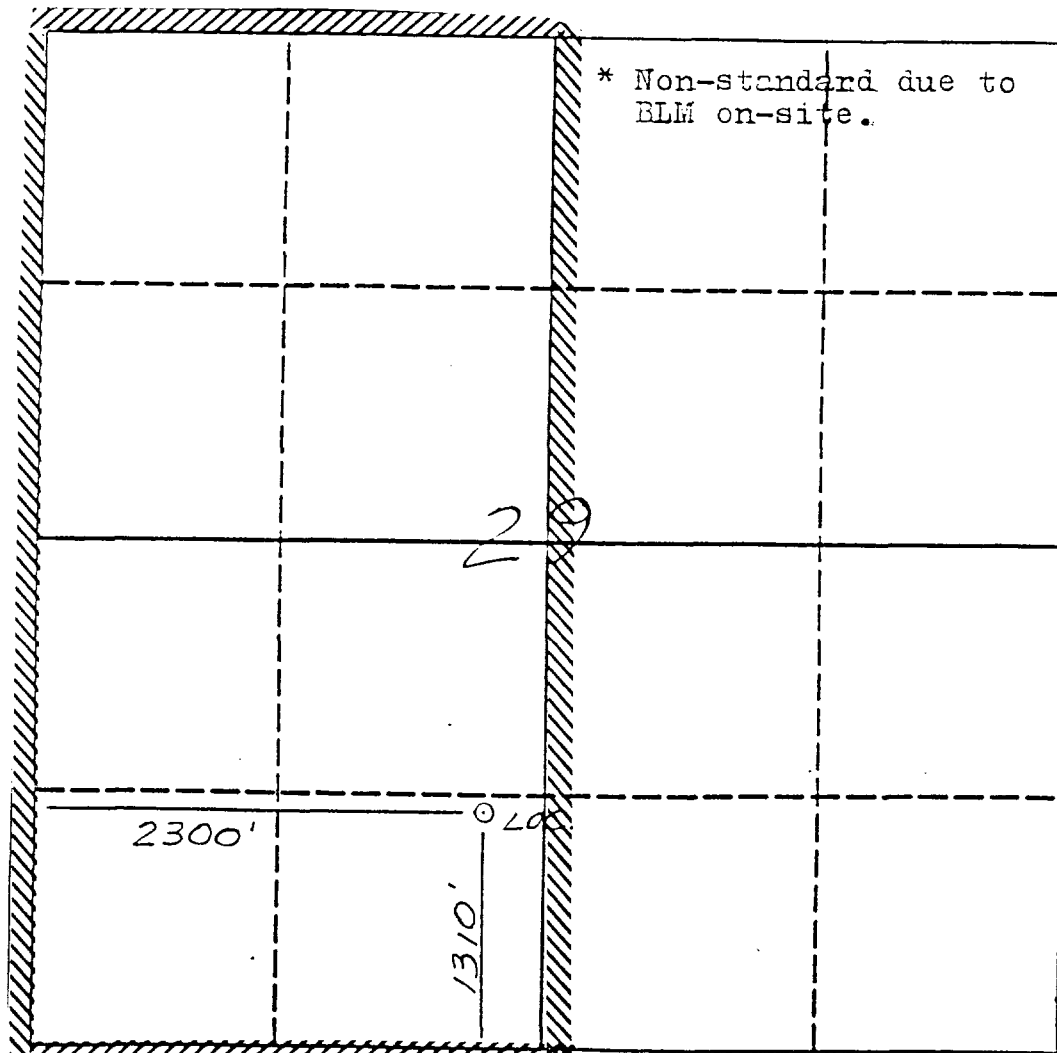
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Well Name San Juan 30-6 Unit #479

Footage 1310' FSL; 2300' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County Rio Arriba State New Mexico Section 29 Township 30N Range 6W



Remarks All surrounding lands within the San Juan 30-6 Unit boundaries -
El Paso Natural Gas - Operator

EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

GARREY CARRUTHERS
GOVERNOR

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STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504
(505) 827-5800

October 17, 1989

Meridian Oil, Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Attention: Peggy Bradfield

RE: Unorthodox Coal Gas Well Location
Application, San Juan 30-6 Unit Well No.
479; 1310' FSL - 2300' FWL, N-29-T30N-
R6W, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas
Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

The NM Oil Conservation Division has reviewed your application dated May 30, 1989, for an unorthodox location for the above-described well, and has concluded that your application cannot be approved administratively. We are therefore returning your application to you at this time.

Should you still wish to have this application considered, you may re-file the application and request an examiner hearing. If you so elect, please be prepared to submit evidence regarding the topographic conditions, the feasibility of directional drilling and provisions for a restriction on production in order to protect correlative rights. Notice should be given as required in General Rule 1207.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

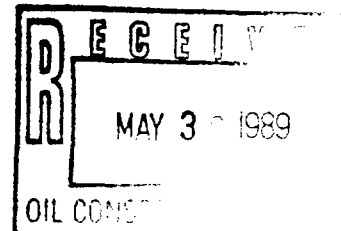
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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington
William J. LeMay
Victor T. Lyon
Robert. G. Stovall

MERIDIAN OIL

Copy sent to E. Busch
5/26/89

May 24, 1989



Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool.

It is intended to locate the El Paso Natural Gas Company San Juan 30-6 Unit #479 at 1310' from the South line and 2300' from the West line of Section 29, T-30-N, R-6-W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

This non-standard location is at the request of the Bureau of Land Management per the attached letter.

All surrounding lands are within the San Juan 30-6 Unit boundaries.

Plats showing the proposed well location and the terrain in Section 29, along with an ownership plat, are attached.

Sincerely yours,

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Peggy Bradford

encl.

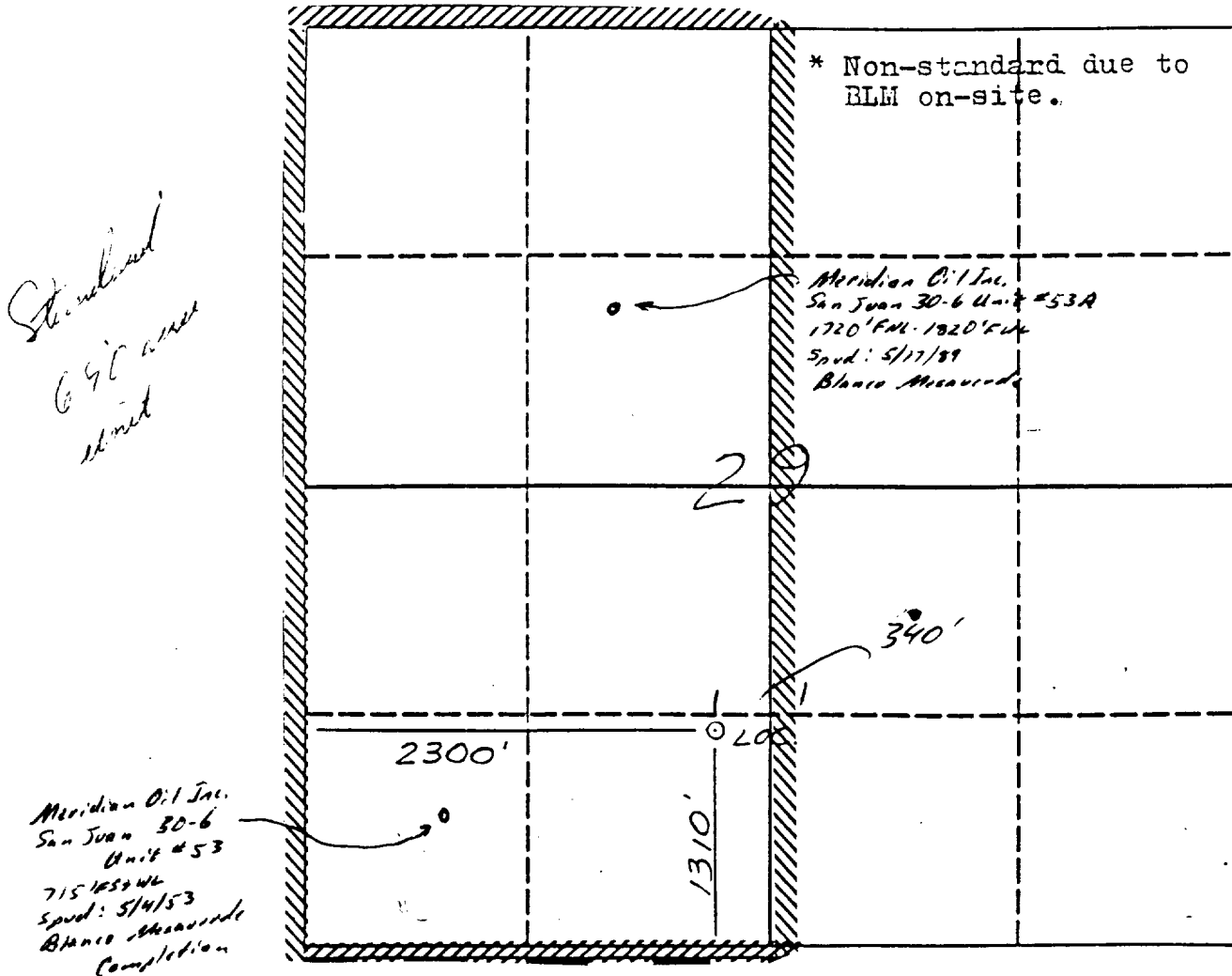
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Well Name San Juan 30-6 Unit #479

Footage 1310' FSL; 2300' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County Rio Arriba State New Mexico Section 29 Township 30N Range 6W



Remarks All surrounding lands are within the San Juan 30-6 Unit boundaries.

El Paso Natural Gas - Operator.

2640
2300
340



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FARMINGTON RESOURCE AREA
1235 LA PLATA HIGHWAY
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87401



IN REPLY REFER TO:

SF-080712-A (WC)
3162.3-1 (019)

MAY 12 1989

El Paso Natural Gas Company
Attn: Mr. Charles Werner
P. O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499

Dear Mr. Werner:

This letter is a written follow up to our conversation regarding the location of your well No. 479 San Juan 30-6 Unit. After working together to find a suitable location within the window established by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in the SW/4 sec. 29, T. 30 N., R. 6 W., we suggest you submit a non-standard location. Acceptable locations and access roads cannot be developed within the window because of topographical constraints. From our work together, a location in the NE/4SW/4 would be most suitable.

In the past, we have discussed that non-standard locations would probably be proposed more frequently as the more desirable locations are taken by previous development and land use constraints. Hopefully, approval of these locations will become routine. We will be glad to support your non-standard proposal for this well to the NMOCC. If there is any further way in which we can be of assistance, please contact me or one of my Fluids Surface Management Staff at (505) 327-5344.

Sincerely,

Ron E. Fellows
Ron Fellows
for Area Manager

Submit to Appropriate
District Office
State Leases - 4 copies
Fee Leases - 3 copies

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102
Revised 1-1-89

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT I
P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II
P.O. Drawer DD, Artesia, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

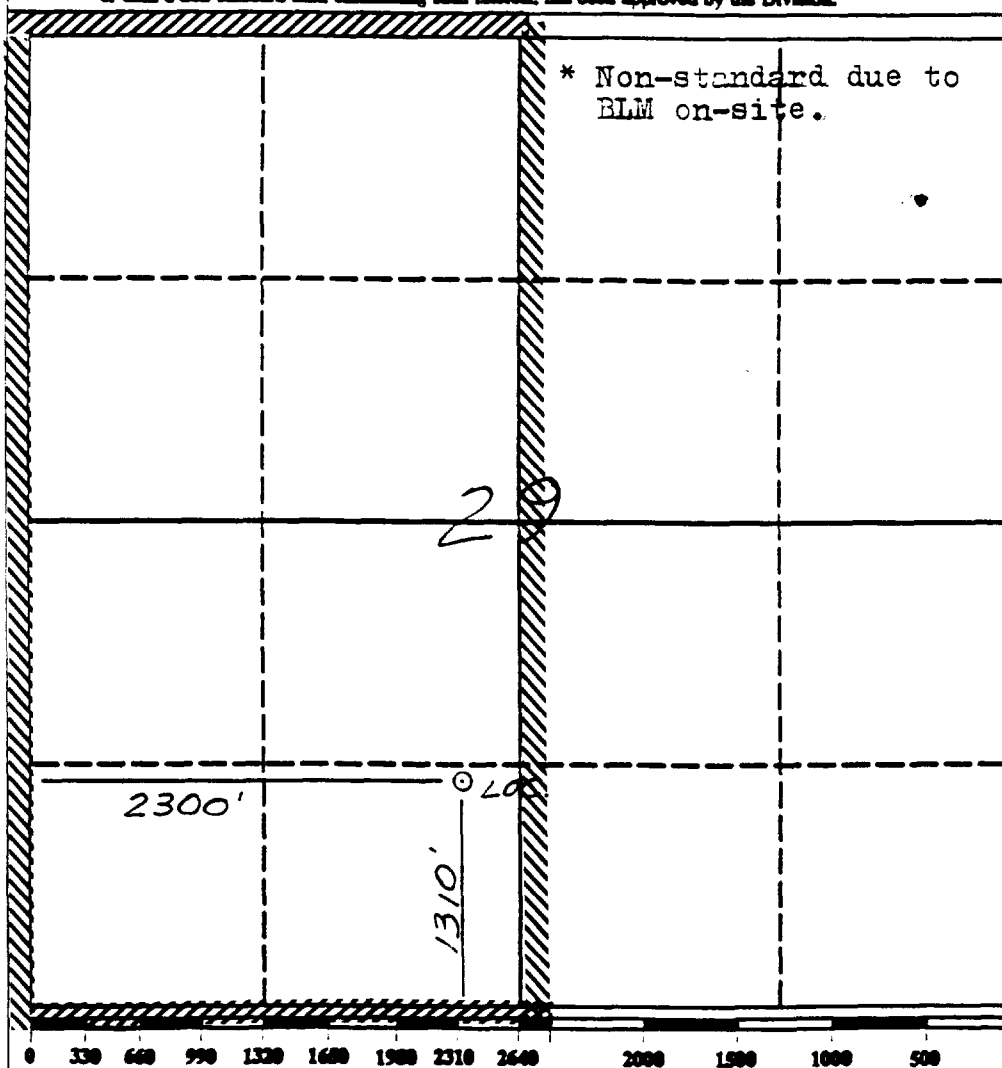
All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator El Paso Natural Gas		Lease (SF-080712A)		Well No. 479	
Unit Letter N		Section 29		Township 30 North	
Range 6 West		County NMPM		Rio Arriba	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1310 feet from the South line and 2300 feet from the West line					
Ground level Elev. 6458'		Producing Formation Fruitland Coal		Pool Basin	
				Dedicated Acreage: 320.0 Acres	

- Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hectare marks on the plat below.
- If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
- If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?
☒ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation **Unitization**

If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.)

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interest, has been approved by the Division.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Peggy Bradfield
Printed Name Regulatory Affairs
Position El Paso Natural Gas
Company
Date

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed 5-2-89
Signature of Seal NEALE C. EDWARDS
Professional Surveyor REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
Certificate No. 6857

