

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
2 ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
3 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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7 EXAMINER HEARING  
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9 IN THE MATTER OF:  
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11 Application of Meridian Oil Inc. Case 9813  
12 on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas  
13 Company, for an unorthodox coal  
14 gas well location, Rio Arriba  
15 County, New Mexico

16 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
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18 BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER  
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20 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

21 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

22 November 15, 1989  
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## A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE DIVISION:

ROBERT G. STOVALL  
Attorney at Law  
Legal Counsel to the Divison  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

1 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9813.

2 MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil  
3 Inc. on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an  
4 unorthodox coal well location, Rio Arriba County, New  
5 Mexico.

6 Applicant requests this case be continued  
7 to December 13, 1989.

8 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9813 is hereby  
9 continued to December 13.

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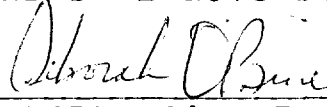
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7 I, Deborah O'Bine, Certified Shorthand  
8 Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the  
9 foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil  
10 Conservation Division was reported by me; that I  
11 caused my notes to be transcribed under my personal  
12 supervision; and that the foregoing is a true and  
13 accurate record of the proceedings.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative  
15 or employee of any of the parties or attorneys  
16 involved in this matter and that I have no personal  
17 interest in the final disposition of this matter.

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CSR No. 127

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21 My commission expires: August 10, 1990

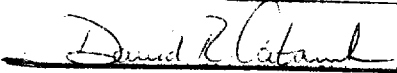
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Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Cases: 9712, 9713, 9828, 9838, 9799,  
9812, 9813, 9788, 9827, 9829

CONTINUATIONS AND DISMISSALS  
FROM THE EXAMINER HEARING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 13, 1989

## A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE DIVISION:

ROBERT G. STOVALL  
Attorney at Law  
Legal Counsel to the Divison  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

1 HEARING EXAMINER: We'll call this hearing  
2 to order this morning for Docket No. 3589. We'll run  
3 through the continuances and dismissals first this  
4 morning.

5 Call Case 9712.

6 MR. STOVALL: In the matter of the hearing  
7 called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own  
8 motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers'  
9 Insurance Company, and other interested parties to  
10 appear to show cause why the Chappell "5" Well No. 1  
11 in San Miguel County, New Mexico, should not be  
12 plugged and abandoned in accordance with a  
13 Division-approved plugging program.

14 We knew if we postponed this case long  
15 enough that that well would somehow get plugged, and  
16 so the Division moves to dismiss it at this time.

17 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9712 is hereby  
18 dismissed.

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20 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9713.

21 MR. STOVALL: In the matter of the hearing  
22 called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own  
23 motion to permit Tom L. Ingram, American Employers'  
24 Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to  
25 show cause why the Gihon "31" Well No. 1, San Miguel

1 County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and  
2 abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved  
3 plugging program. Worked for two of them.

4 Move to dismiss this case as well.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9713 is hereby  
6 dismissed.

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8 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9828.

9 MR. STOVALL: Application of Bill Fenn,  
10 Inc., for an amendment of Division Order No. R-8951 as  
11 amended, Eddy County, New Mexico.

12 Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

13 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9828 is hereby  
14 dismissed.

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16 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9838.

17 MR. STOVALL: Application of Parker  
18 Drilling Company for the institution of gas  
19 prorationing and the adoption of Special Rules for the  
20 Pitchfork Ranch-Atoka Gas Pool, Lea County, New  
21 Mexico.

22 Applicant requests this case be continued  
23 to December 27, 1989.

24 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9838 will hereby be  
25 continued to the December 27th docket.



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2                   HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9799.

3                   MR. STOVALL: The application of Bannon  
4 Energy Incorporated for an unorthodox oil well  
5 location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

6                   Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

7                   HEARING OFFICER: Case 9799 is hereby  
8 dismissed.

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10                  HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9812.

11                  MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil,  
12 Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an  
13 unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio Arriba County,  
14 New Mexico.

15                  Applicant requests this case be continued  
16 to December 27, 1989.

17                  HEARING OFFICER: Case 9812 is hereby  
18 continued to the December 27th docket.

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20                  HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9813.

21                  MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil,  
22 Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an  
23 unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio Arriba County,  
24 New Mexico.

25                  Applicant requests this case be continued

1 to December 27.

2 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9813 is hereby  
3 continued to the December 27th docket.

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5 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9788.

6 MR. STOVALL: Application of Yates  
7 Petroleum Corporation for directional drilling and an  
8 unorthodox gas well location, Eddy County, New Mexico.  
9 Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

10 HEARING OFFICER: Case 9788 is hereby  
11 dismissed.

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13 HEARING EXAMINER: Call Case 9827.

14 MR. STOVALL: Application of Exxon  
15 Corporation for special casinghead gas allowable, Lea  
16 County, New Mexico.

17 The Applicant requests this case be  
18 continued to a hearing in February of 1990. Hearing  
19 date to be determined when the schedule is published.

20 HEARING EXAMINER: Case 9827 is hereby  
21 continued to the first hearing in February 1990.

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23 HEARING EXAMINER: At this time we'll call  
24 Case 9829.

25 MR. STOVALL: Application of Roberts and

1 Hammack, Inc., for a nonstandard oil proration unit,  
2 Lea County, New Mexico.

3 Mr. Examiner, this case has been previously  
4 heard and is being readvertised to correct notice  
5 deficiencies.

6 HEARING EXAMINER: Are there any additional  
7 appearances at this time?

8 MR. STOVALL: We will take this case under  
9 advisement.

10 HEARING EXAMINER: There being no further  
11 appearances, Case 9829 will be taken under advisement  
12 at this time.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE     )

I, Freda Simmons, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that I caused my notes to be transcribed under my personal supervision; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL February 18, 1989.

Freda Simmons  
FREDA SIMMONS

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings before the Oil Conservation Division of the State of New Mexico.  
Filed for record December 13, 1989.  
David R. Catamb, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE 9078

CASE 9846

CASE 9847

CASE 9812

CASE 9813

CASE 9850

EXAMINER HEARING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

CONTINUED AND DISMISSED CASES

BEFORE: MICHAEL E. STOGNER, EXAMINER

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 27, 1989

CUMBRE COURT REPORTING  
(505) 984-2244

1           HEARING EXAMINER: This hearing will come  
2 to order. I'm Michael E. Stogner, appointed Examiner  
3 for today's docket. Note today's date, December 27,  
4 1989.

5           What I'll do first is call all the  
6 continued and dismissed cases. So, we'll start by  
7 calling Case No. 9078, which is in the matter of case  
8 number 9078 being reopened pursuant to the provisions  
9 of Division Order Nos. R-8450.

10           This case will be continued to the  
11 Examiner's hearing scheduled for January 10, 1990.

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13           HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.  
14 9846, which is the application of Yates Petroleum  
15 Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New  
16 Mexico.

17           At the Applicant's request, this case will  
18 be continued to the Examiner's hearing scheduled for  
19 January 10, 1990.

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21           HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.  
22 9847, which is the application of Yates Petroleum  
23 Corporation for an unorthodoxed oil well location, Lea  
24 County, New Mexico.

25           At the Applicant's request, this case will

1 be dismissed.

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3 HEARING EXAMINER: Over to the next page,  
4 I'll call next case, No. 9812, which is the  
5 application of Meridian Oil, Incorporated, on behalf  
6 of El Paso Natural Gas Company, for an unorthodox coal  
7 gas well location, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

8 At the Applicant's request, this case is  
9 dismissed.

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11 HEARING EXAMINER: Call next case, No.  
12 9813, which is the application of Meridian Oil  
13 Incorporated, on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas  
14 Company, for an unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio  
15 Arriba County, New Mexico.

16 At the Applicant's request, this case is  
17 also continued to the Examiner's hearing scheduled for  
18 January 10, 1990.

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20 HEARING EXAMINER: Well, we're on the last  
21 page, on page 6, Case No. 9850, which is in the matter  
22 of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division  
23 on its own motion for an order extending certain  
24 existing pools in Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties,  
25 New Mexico.

1                   This case is also continued to the  
2 Examiner's hearing scheduled for January 10, 1990.

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or employee of any of the parties or attorneys  
involved in this matter and that I have no personal  
interest in the final disposition of this matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL December 29, 1989.

*Carla Diane Rodriguez*  
CARLA DIANE RODRIGUEZ  
CSR No. 91

My commission expires: May 25, 1991

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct copy of the proceedings in  
the above-captioned case No. 9813,  
heard by me on 27 December 1989.  
*Michael E. Stagner*, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case 9813

Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.,  
on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas  
Company, for an unorthodox coal  
gas well location, Rio Arriba County,  
New Mexico.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE DAVID R. CATANACH, EXAMINER

STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
January 10, 1990

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

FOR THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION:

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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1 MR. CATANACH: Call Case 9813.

2 MR. STOVALL: Application of Meridian Oil,  
3 Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company for an  
4 unorthodox coal gas well location, Rio Arriba County,  
5 New Mexico. Applicant requests this case be dismissed.

6 MR. CATANACH: Case 9813 is hereby  
7 dismissed.

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE     )

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL February 10, 1990.

  
Debbie Vestal  
CSR No. 400

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 9823, heard by me on January 10 1990.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division