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

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

CASE NO. 10055

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC.
 FOR UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION
 AND A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT,
 SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by
 MERIDIAN OIL, INC. as required by the Oil Conservation
 Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

(name, address, phone
 and contact person)

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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 and contact person)

ATTORNEY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Meridian Oil, Inc. requests approval of a non-standard location for its Payne No. 271 Basin Fruitland Coal well located 65 feet FNL and 300 feet FEL of Section 27, T32N, R10W, San Juan County, New Mexico. Non-standard location request is based on extremely rough terrain and existing pipelines. Directional drilling is not recommended due to inability to use artificial lift equipment in directinal well bore for water removal.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement)

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander (landman)	15 min.	1
Jim Falconi (reservoir engineer)	30 min.	3
Neale Edwards (surveyor)	20 min.	4

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES (name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to the hearing)

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