

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK M. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM P. SLATTERY  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

JEFFERSON PLACE  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER (505) 983-6043

July 19, 1989

RECEIVED

HAND-DELIVERED

JUL 19 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

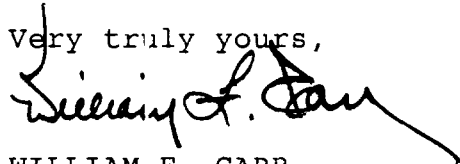
Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 9703  
In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.  
for Exemption from the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act  
(NMPA), San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

I would appreciate the Division continuing the above-referenced hearing from the July 26, 1989 Examiner docket to the August 9, 1989 Examiner docket.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR

WFC:mlh

cc: Randolph P. Mundt, Esq.  
Leticia H. White

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK H. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM P. SLATTERY  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

JEFFERSON PLACE  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER: (505) 983-6043

June 23, 1989

HAND-DELIVERED

William J. LeMay, Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
New Mexico Department of Energy,  
Minerals and Natural Resources  
State Land Office Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

RECEIVED

JUN 23 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Case 9703

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.  
for Exemption From the New Mexico Natural Gas Price  
Protection Act, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed in triplicate is the above-referenced application of Meridian Oil, Inc. Meridian Oil, Inc. respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the docket for the Examiner hearings scheduled on July 26, 1989.

Very truly yours,



J. SCOTT HALL

JSH:mlh

Enclosures

cc w/enclosures: Letitia H. White  
Randolph P. Mundt, Esq.

# GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

A Professional Corporation

141 East Palace Avenue  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
505 • 983 • 6686  
Telefax No. 505 • 986 • 0741

J. E. Gallegos  
George F. Bingham\*  
Michael L. Oja†  
Joanne Reuter  
Felice G. Gonzales  
Candace Hamann-Callahan  
Harry T. Nutter

August 4, 1989

RECEIVED

AUG 4 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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

RE: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption from the New Mexico  
Natural Gas Price Protection Act, San Juan County, New Mexico,  
Case No. 9703

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Enclosed herewith please find a Response and Motion to Dismiss the referenced Application filed today on behalf of Gas Company of New Mexico. By this letter we request that the enclosed Motion be set for hearing in conjunction with the Application that is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, August 8, 1989.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

By

  
J.E. GALLEGOS

HTN:ap

Enclosure

cc: J. Scott Hall (w/enc.)  
Phyllis Bourque (w/enc.)  
Russell Moore (w/enc.)

\* Also admitted in the District of Columbia

† Also admitted in California

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK M. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM P. SLATTERY  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

RECEIVED  
RECEIVED  
AUG 8 1989  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JEFFERSON PLACE  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER: (505) 983-6043

August 8, 1989

Mr. Michael Stogner  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
State Land Office Building  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: Case No. 9703; Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.  
for Exemption from New Mexico Natural Gas Price  
Protection Act, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of the Applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc., we ask that this matter be continued to the examiner hearing scheduled for August 23, 1989.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



J. Scott Hall

JSH:mtb

cc: J.E. Gallegos (Hand Delivery)

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK A. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM P. SLATTERY  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

JEFFERSON PLACE  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER: (505) 983-6043

RECEIVED

August 11, 1989

AUG 14 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIV.  
SANTA FE

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

Re: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption from the  
New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act, San Juan County, NM;  
Case No. 9703

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed is the Amended Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. in the above case. The application is amended to clarify that Meridian seeks retroactive exemption for the affected infill wells. While I feel that the original application was worded to encompass such a request, the amendment will eliminate any doubt.

The application is further amended by the elimination of the Cain 3R and Reid 22R wells. As these wells are replacement wells, they will be the subject of a separate application.

Finally, I am advised that the examiner docket for August 23rd is quite heavy with several previously scheduled contested cases. As counsel for Gas Company of New Mexico has indicated this matter will be opposed, I am asking that this matter be continued to the examiner hearing set for September 6, 1989. Please let me know if this is not possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



J. Scott Hall

JSH:mtb  
Enclosures  
cc: Letitia White  
J. E. Gallegos

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK A. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM P. SLATTERY  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

JEFFERSON PLACE  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER: (505) 983-6043

RECEIVED

August 22, 1989

AUG 22 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption from the  
New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act, San Juan County,  
New Mexico: Case No. 9703

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed is Meridian's Response to Gas Company's Motion to  
Dismiss in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

  
J. Scott Hall

JSH:mtb  
Enclosures  
cc: Bob Stovall  
J.E. Gallegos  
Letitia White

CAMPBELL & BLACK, P.A.  
LAWYERS

JACK M. CAMPBELL  
BRUCE D. BLACK  
MICHAEL B. CAMPBELL  
WILLIAM F. CARR  
BRADFORD C. BERGE  
MARK F. SHERIDAN  
J. SCOTT HALL  
JOHN H. BEMIS  
WILLIAM R. SLATTERY  
PATRICIA A. MATTHEWS

RECEIVED

AUG 28 1989

JEFFERSON  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
SUITE 1 - 110 NORTH GUADALUPE  
POST OFFICE BOX 2208  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2208  
TELEPHONE: (505) 988-4421  
TELECOPIER: (505) 983-6043

August 28, 1989

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption from the  
New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act, San Juan County, New  
Mexico: Case No. 9703

Dear Mr. LeMay:

The purpose of this letter is to seek an early and economical resolution to the above pending matter in view of Gas Company's apparent opposition to Meridian's application.

As you are aware, Meridian seeks exemptions from the Natural Gas Pricing Act in order to gain the release of production proceeds which Gas Company has been holding in suspense for several years. The OCD's authority to grant exemptions subsequent to the repeal of the Gas Pricing Act is well established and has been explained in our brief. It is our view that Gas Company's motion to dismiss is untenable and should be denied.

Accordingly, we propose the following:

That Gas Company's motion to dismiss be resolved as soon as possible, preferably this week. Toward this end, I would be glad to attend a conference with the Director and Gas Company counsel if such would serve to speed resolution of the matter. Should it be determined that Gas Company's motion is not well taken, then Meridian would dismiss this case from the docket and would instead seek to obtain the exemptions administratively. Administrative approval would obviate the need for a formal hearing on the exemptions and would save all parties the time and expense of having counsel and witnesses present. Moreover, as Gas Company has no property interest that could be adversely affected by this application, Gas Company is without the proper standing that would otherwise make an examiner hearing necessary. The unnecessary inconvenience of maintaining this case on the examiner docket would be avoided as well.

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
August 28, 1989  
Page 2

RECEIVED

AUG 28 1989

WILDERNESS CONSERVATION DIVISION

If this procedure meets with your approval, please advise at your earliest convenience so I can plan accordingly. If you feel that a conference is needed, I believe I can make myself available at almost any time this week.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Hall" being more distinct than the middle name "Scott".

J. Scott Hall

JSH:mtb  
cc: Letitia White  
J. B. Gallegos



# GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

A Professional Corporation

141 East Palace Avenue  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
505 • 983 • 6686  
Telefax No. 505 • 986 • 0741

J. E. Gallegos  
George F. Bingham\*  
Michael L. Oja†  
Joanne Reuter  
Felice G. Gonzales  
Candace Hamann-Callahan  
Harry T. Nutter

August 31, 1989

## HAND DELIVERED

William J. Lemay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RECEIVED

AUG 31 1989

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

RE: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption  
From the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act,  
San Juan County, New Mexico: Case No. 9703

Dear Director Lemay:

While counsel for the Gas Company of New Mexico will certainly attend a conference on this matter if one is called, you should be advised that GCNM takes exception to the contents of Scott Hall's letter to you of August 28, 1989.

This proceeding was initiated by Meridian and has twice been postponed at the last minute at Meridian's request. Each time Gas Company of New Mexico has been prepared to go forth. Now Meridian's counsel expresses a concern about time and expense, but we fear that the real motive is to side step the regular hearing process and deprive our client of both procedural due process and the right of appeal. Frankly, I am not sure what Meridian is after when, in place of a hearing, it seeks "Administrative approval . . ."

The pleadings in this case raise fundamental issues of jurisdiction of the OCD. The parties probably will present little, if any, evidence, as the matter hinges mainly on questions of law. This case must remain on the regular hearing docket and the rights of both parties to full Commission and to judicial review should be preserved.

\* Also admitted in the District of Columbia

† Also admitted in California

William J. Lemay  
August 31, 1989  
Page Two  
-----

A final note regarding Mr. Hall's attempt in his letter to argue the "standing" of GCNM. It should be readily appreciated that our client is the contract purchaser of the gas; it has both a legal and regulatory obligation to pay no more for production than contractually and lawfully proper.

Very truly yours,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

By   
J. E. GALLEGOS

JEG:evm

Enclosure

cc: Phyllis Bourque  
Dan McFearin  
Scott Hall, Esq. (via hand delivery)  
Michael Stagner (via hand delivery)

# GALLEGOS LAW FIRM

A Professional Corporation

141 East Palace Avenue  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
505 • 983 • 6686  
Telefax No. 505 • 936 • 0741

J. E. Gallegos  
George F. Bingham\*  
Michael L. Oja†  
Joanne Reuter  
Felice G. Gonzales  
Candace Hamann-Callahan  
Harry T. Nutter

September 29, 1989

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Robert G. Stovall, Esq.  
General Counsel  
Oil Conservation Division  
State Land Office Building  
Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption  
from the New Mexico Price Protection Act, OCD Case No. 9703

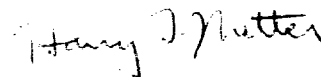
Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find copies of the cases cited in Respondent's Brief in Support of its Motion to Dismiss and the Reply to Applicant's Response to Gas Company's Motion to Dismiss filed on behalf of Gas Company of New Mexico by our Firm in the referenced proceeding. I apologize for failing to have furnished the enclosed cases sooner as well as for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any other questions or need any other materials in regard to this, please call. In the meantime, best personal regards.

Sincerely,

GALLEGOS LAW FIRM



By  
HARRY T. NUTTER

HTN:ap

Enclosures

\* Also admitted in the District of Columbia

† Also admitted in California

# **GAS** COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO

September 30, 1988

Meridian Oil Company  
801 Cherry Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

RE: Infill Monies in Suspense

Gentlemen:

Our Gas Accounting Department, in conjunction with our Internal Audit Department, has brought to my attention the fact that there is still Infill monies on hold status for Southland Royalty Company since February, 1984.

Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM) would like to make a settlement for the above mentioned liability still carried on our books. In order for the monies to be released, Meridian Oil Company (aka Southland Royalty Company) needs to obtain an Infill Pricing Exemption from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. After receiving confirmation that the exemption has been issued, GCNM will immediately release the monies to Meridian.

I would appreciate your helping in resolving this matter. Any questions that you may have concerning the wells involved or the Infill issue itself, please call me at (505) 888-8387.

Sincerely,



Susan Womble, Gas Supply  
Gas Contract Specialist

cjc

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON & SCHLENKER  
LAW OFFICES  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
RECEIVED

RANNE B. MILLER  
WILLIAM K. STRATVERT  
ALAN C. TORGERSON  
KENDALL O. SCHLENKER  
ALICE TOMLINSON LORENZ  
GREGORY W. CHASE  
ALAN KONRAD  
MARGO J. MCCORMICK  
LYMAN G. SANDY  
STEPHEN M. WILLIAMS  
STEPHAN M. VIDMAR  
ROBERT C. GUTIERREZ  
SETH V. BINGHAM  
MICHAEL H. HOSES  
JAMES B. COLLINS  
TIMOTHY P. BRIGGS  
WALTER R. PARR  
THOMAS S. UDALL  
RUDOLPH LUCERO

DANIEL E. RAMCZYK  
DEAN G. CONSTANTINE  
DEBORAH A. SOLOVE  
GARY L. GORDON  
H. KEVIN HAIGHT  
LAWRENCE R. WHITE  
SHARON P. GROSS  
VIRGINIA ANDERMAN  
C. K. MOSS  
JAMES B. COONEY  
LEONARD J. PADILLA  
TIMOTHY S. VASQUEZ  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
BRADFORD K. GOODWIN  
NICHOLAS CULLANDER  
JOHN R. FUNK  
J. SCOTT HALL  
THOMAS R. MACK  
MICHAEL J. HAPPE

ALBUQUERQUE  
500 MARQUETTE, N. W.  
POST OFFICE BOX 2088  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125  
TELEPHONE (505) 842-1950  
FACSIMILE (505) 243-4408

FARMINGTON  
300 WEST ARRINGTON  
POST OFFICE BOX 869  
FARMINGTON, NM 87499  
TELEPHONE (505) 326-4521  
FACSIMILE (505) 325-5474

LAS CRUCES  
221 EAST MADOR  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 1231  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004  
TELEPHONE (505) 523-2481  
FACSIMILE (505) 526-2215

SANTA FE  
125 LINCOLN AVENUE  
SUITE 303  
SANTA FE, NM 87501  
TELEPHONE (505) 989-9614  
FACSIMILE (505) 989-9857

PLEASE REPLY TO: SANTA FE

KENNETH R. BRANDT (1946 - 1981)

October 24, 1989

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Post Office Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for Exemption from the  
New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act. San Juan County,  
New Mexico: Case No. 9703

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Please be advised that I have left the Campbell and Black law firm and have opened the Santa Fe office for the Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson and Schlenker law firm. I will continue to represent Meridian Oil on the referenced proceeding. Accordingly, please direct all future communications to me at the address listed above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson  
& Schlenker, P.A.

By: J. Scott Hall  
J. Scott Hall

cc: Letitia White, Esq.  
J.E. Gallegos, Esq.

/cmt



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

GARREY CARRUTHERS  
GOVERNOR

February 21, 1990

POST OFFICE BOX 2088  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504  
(505) 827-5800

Mr. Scott Hall  
Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson  
& Schlenker  
Attorneys at Law  
125 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 303  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: CASE NO. 9703  
ORDER NO. R-9119

Applicant:

Meridian Oil, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced  
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

*Florene Davidson*

FLORENE DAVIDSON  
OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD x  
Artesia OCD x  
Aztec OCD x

Other: J. E. Gallegos

fil

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON & SCHLENKER, P. A.  
LAW OFFICES

RANNE B. MILLER  
WILLIAM K. STRATVERT  
ALAN C. TORGERSON  
KENDALL C. SCHLENKER  
ALICE TOMLINSON LORENZ  
GREGORY W. CHASE  
ALAN KONPAD  
MARGO J. MCCORMICK  
LYMAN G. SANDY  
STEPHEN M. WILLIAMS  
STEPHAN M. VIDMAR  
ROBERT C. GUTIERREZ  
SETH V. BINGHAM  
MICHAEL H. HOSES  
JAMES B. COLLINS  
TIMOTHY R. BRIGGS  
WALTER R. PARR  
THOMAS S. UDALL  
RUDOLPH LUCERO

DANIEL E. RAMCZYK  
DEAN G. CONSTANTINE  
DEBORAH A. SOLOVE  
GARY L. GORDON  
H. KEVIN HAIGHT  
LAWRENCE R. WHITE  
SHARON P. GROSS  
VIRGINIA ANDERMAN  
C. K. MOSS  
JAMES B. COONEY  
LEONARD J. PADILLA  
TIMOTHY S. VASQUEZ  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
BRADFORD K. GOODWIN  
NICHOLAS CULLANDER  
JOHN R. FUNK  
J. SCOTT HALL  
THOMAS R. MACK  
MICHAEL J. HAPPE  
DENISE BARELA SHEPHERD

ALBUQUERQUE  
500 MARQUETTE, N. W., SUITE 1100  
POST OFFICE BOX 25687  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125  
TELEPHONE: (505) 842-1950  
FACSIMILE: (505) 243-4408

FARMINGTON  
300 WEST ARRINGTON  
POST OFFICE BOX 869  
FARMINGTON, NM 87499  
TELEPHONE: (505) 326-4521  
FACSIMILE: (505) 325-5474

LAS CRUCES  
277 EAST AMADOR  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 1231  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004  
TELEPHONE: (505) 523-2481  
FACSIMILE: (505) 526-2215

SANTA FE  
125 LINCOLN AVENUE  
SUITE 303  
SANTA FE, NM 87501  
TELEPHONE: (505) 989-9614  
FACSIMILE: (505) 989-9857

PLEASE REPLY TO: SANTA FE

KENNETH R. BRANDT (1946 - 1981)

February 23, 1990

Mr. Robert G. Stovall  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Re: NMOCD Case No. 9703, Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.  
for Exemption from the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act

Dear Bob:

I received in the mail today copies of Order No. R-9119 dismissing the above application contrary to my verbal request on February 20th that dismissal be held in abeyance until further advised.

Can you please arrange for the withdrawal of the inadvertently issued order until we receive instructions to proceed? As I mentioned earlier, we will be filing a formal motion to dismiss this matter in lieu of the standard letter request. A copy of the motion will become an exhibit in a settlement agreement and will also request that the case be dismissed with prejudice. Accordingly, I believe we will need to have the order reflect dismissal with prejudice.

Thanks for your help. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

*J. Scott Hall*

J. Scott Hall

JSH/ro

cc: J. E. Gallegos  
Tish White

RECEIVED  
90 MAR 12 AM 9 44

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON & SCHLENKER, P. A.

LAW OFFICES

MARNE B. MILLER  
WILLIAM K. STRATVERT  
ALAN C. TORGERSON  
KENDALL O. SCHLENKER  
ALICE TOMLINSON LORENZ  
GREGORY W. CHASE  
ALAN KONRAD  
MARGO J. MCCORMICK  
LYMAN G. SANDY  
STEPHEN M. WILLIAMS  
STEPHAN M. VIDMAR  
ROBERT C. GUTIERREZ  
SETH V. BINGHAM  
MICHAEL H. HOSES  
JAMES B. COLLINS  
TIMOTHY R. BRIGGS  
WALTER R. PARR  
THOMAS S. UDALL  
RUDOLPH LUCERO

DANIEL E. RAMCZYK  
DEAN G. CONSTANTINE  
DEBORAH A. SOLOVE  
GARY L. GORDON  
H. KEVIN HAIGHT  
LAWRENCE R. WHITE  
SHARON P. GROSS  
VIRGINIA ANDERMAN  
C. K. MOSS  
JAMES B. COONEY  
LEONARD J. PADILLA  
TIMOTHY S. VASQUEZ  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
BRADFORD K. GOODWIN  
NICHOLAS CULLANDER  
JOHN R. FUNK  
J. SCOTT HALL  
THOMAS R. MACK  
MICHAEL J. HAPPE  
DENISE BARELA SHEPHERD

ALBUQUERQUE  
500 MARQUETTE, N. W., SUITE 1100  
POST OFFICE BOX 25687  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125  
TELEPHONE: (505) 842-1950  
FACSIMILE: (505) 243-4408

FARMINGTON  
300 WEST ARRINGTON  
POST OFFICE BOX 869  
FARMINGTON, NM 87499  
TELEPHONE: (505) 326-4521  
FACSIMILE: (505) 325-5474

LAS CRUCES  
277 EAST AMADOR  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 1231  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004  
TELEPHONE: (505) 523-2481  
FACSIMILE: (505) 526-2215

SANTA FE  
125 LINCOLN AVENUE  
SUITE 303  
SANTA FE, NM 87501  
TELEPHONE: (505) 989-9614  
FACSIMILE: (505) 989-9857

PLEASE REPLY TO: SANTA FE

KENNETH R. BRANDT (1946-1981)

March 8, 1990

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

*Handwritten:* 1-11-90  
M.S.A.

Re: NMOCD Case No. 9703: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.  
for Exemption From the New Mexico Natural Gas Price  
Protection Act, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

The parties in the above matter have recently concluded a settlement agreement in separate litigation. In part, the settlement calls for the dismissal of NMOCD Case No. 9703 with prejudice.

Accordingly, enclosed for filing is Meridian Oil's Motion to Dismiss. We request that the order of dismissal state that dismissal is with prejudice. Mr. Gallegos, counsel for Gas Company of New Mexico, concurs with dismissal.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature:* J. Scott Hall

J. Scott Hall

JSH/ro

cc w/encl.:

Daniel M. McClure  
Letitia White  
J. E. Gallegos  
Robert G. Stovall



MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON & SCHLENKER, P. A.

LAW OFFICES

RANNE B. MILLER  
WILLIAM K. STRATVERT  
ALAN C. TORGERSON  
KENDALL C. SCHLENKER  
ALICE TOMLINSON LORENZ  
GREGORY W. CHASE  
ALAN KONRAD  
MARGO J. MCCORMICK  
LYMAN G. SANDY  
STEPHEN M. WILLIAMS  
STEPHAN M. VIDMAR  
ROBERT C. GUTIERREZ  
SETH V. BINGHAM  
MICHAEL H. HOSES  
JAMES B. COLLINS  
TIMOTHY R. BRIGGS  
WALTER R. PARR  
THOMAS S. UDALL  
RUDOLPH LUCERO

DANIEL E. RAMCZYK  
DEAN G. CONSTANTINE  
DEBORAH A. SOLOVE  
GARY L. GORDON  
H. KEVIN HAIGHT  
LAWRENCE R. WHITE  
SHARON P. GROSS  
VIRGINIA ANDERMAN  
C. K. MOSS  
JAMES B. COONEY  
LEONARD J. PADILLA  
TIMOTHY S. VASQUEZ  
MARTE D. LIGHTSTONE  
BRADFORD K. GOODWIN  
NICHOLAS CULLANDER  
JOHN R. FUNK  
J. SCOTT HALL  
THOMAS R. MACK  
MICHAEL J. HAPPE  
DENISE BARELA SHEPHERD

ALBUQUERQUE  
500 MARQUETTE, N. W., SUITE 1100  
POST OFFICE BOX 25687  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87125  
TELEPHONE: (505) 842-1950  
FACSIMILE: (505) 243-4408

FARMINGTON  
300 WEST ARRINGTON  
POST OFFICE BOX 869  
FARMINGTON, NM 87499  
TELEPHONE: (505) 326-4521  
FACSIMILE: (505) 325-5474

LAS CRUCES  
277 EAST AMADOR  
POST OFFICE DRAWER 1231  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004  
TELEPHONE: (505) 523-2481  
FACSIMILE: (505) 526-2215

SANTA FE  
125 LINCOLN AVENUE  
SUITE 303  
SANTA FE, NM 87501  
TELEPHONE: (505) 989-9614  
FACSIMILE: (505) 989-9857

PLEASE REPLY TO: SANTA FE

KENNETH R. BRANDT (1946 - 1981)

February 20, 1990

Mr. William J. LeMay, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Re: Case No. 9703, Application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for  
Exemption From The New Mexico Natural Gas Price  
Protection Act, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of the Applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc., we respectfully request that the above matter be dismissed. We also request the issuance of an order of dismissal on an expedited basis. Accordingly, I am enclosing a proposed form of order for your use.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

MILLER, STRATVERT, TORGERSON  
& SCHLENKER, P.A.

By



J. Scott Hall

JSH/ro

cc: Tish White, Meridian Oil  
J. E. Gallegos, GCNM

**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. 9703  
ORDER NO. R-\_\_\_\_\_**

**APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL,  
INC. FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE  
NEW MEXICO NATURAL GAS PRICE  
PROTECTION ACT, SAN JUAN  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**ORDER OF THE DIVISION**

**BY THE DIVISION:**

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on September 6, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 20th day of February, 1990, the Division Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

**FINDS THAT:**

The applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Case No. 9703 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**WILLIAM J. LEMAY  
Director**

**S E A L**