

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

BEFORE EXAMINER STOGNER	
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
<u>Meridian</u>	EXHIBIT NO. <u>2-a</u>
CASE NO. <u>9703</u>	

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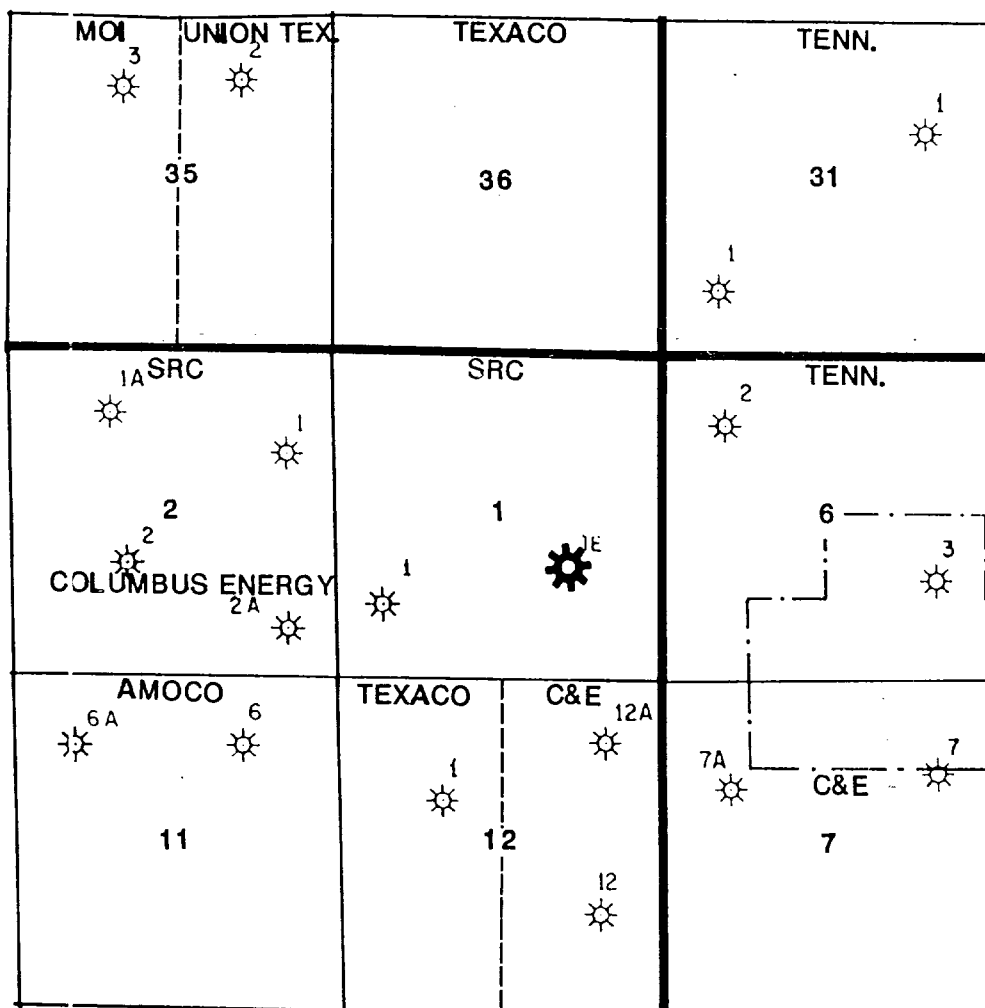
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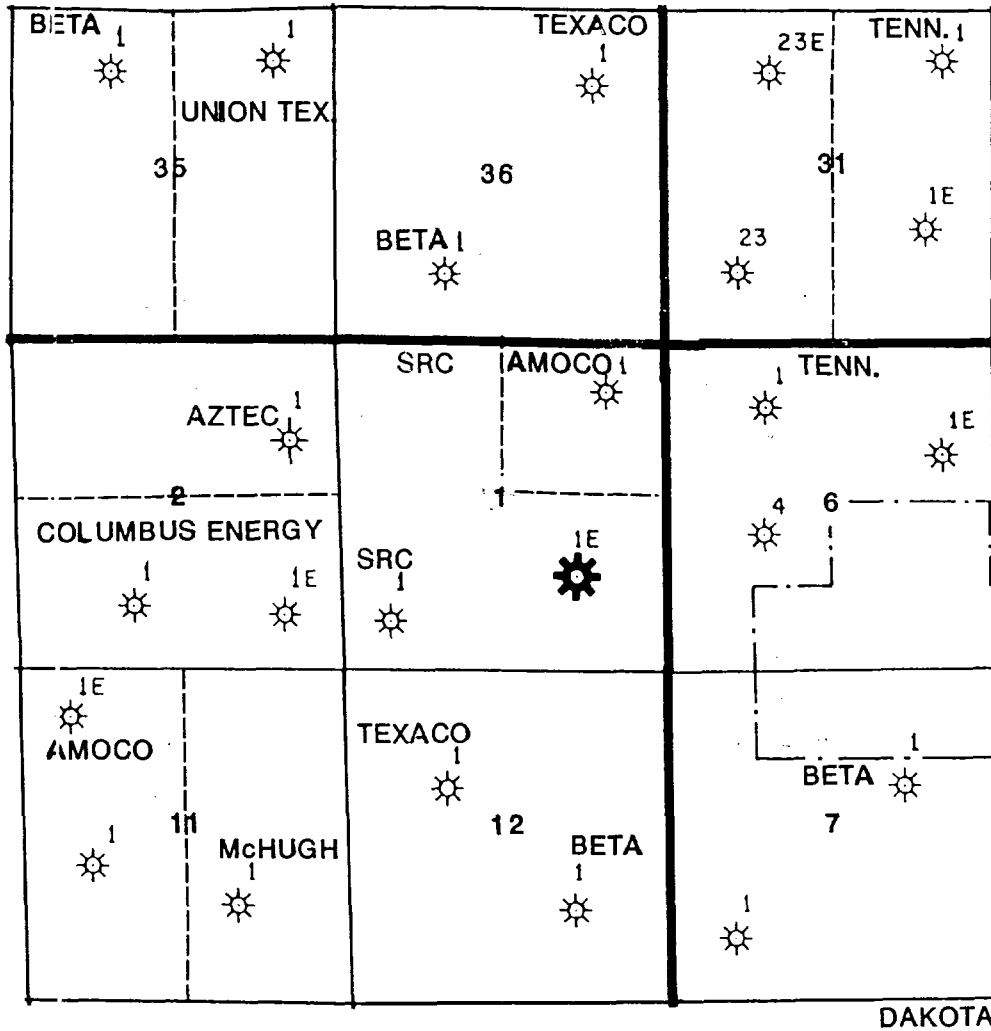
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San Juan County, New Mexico



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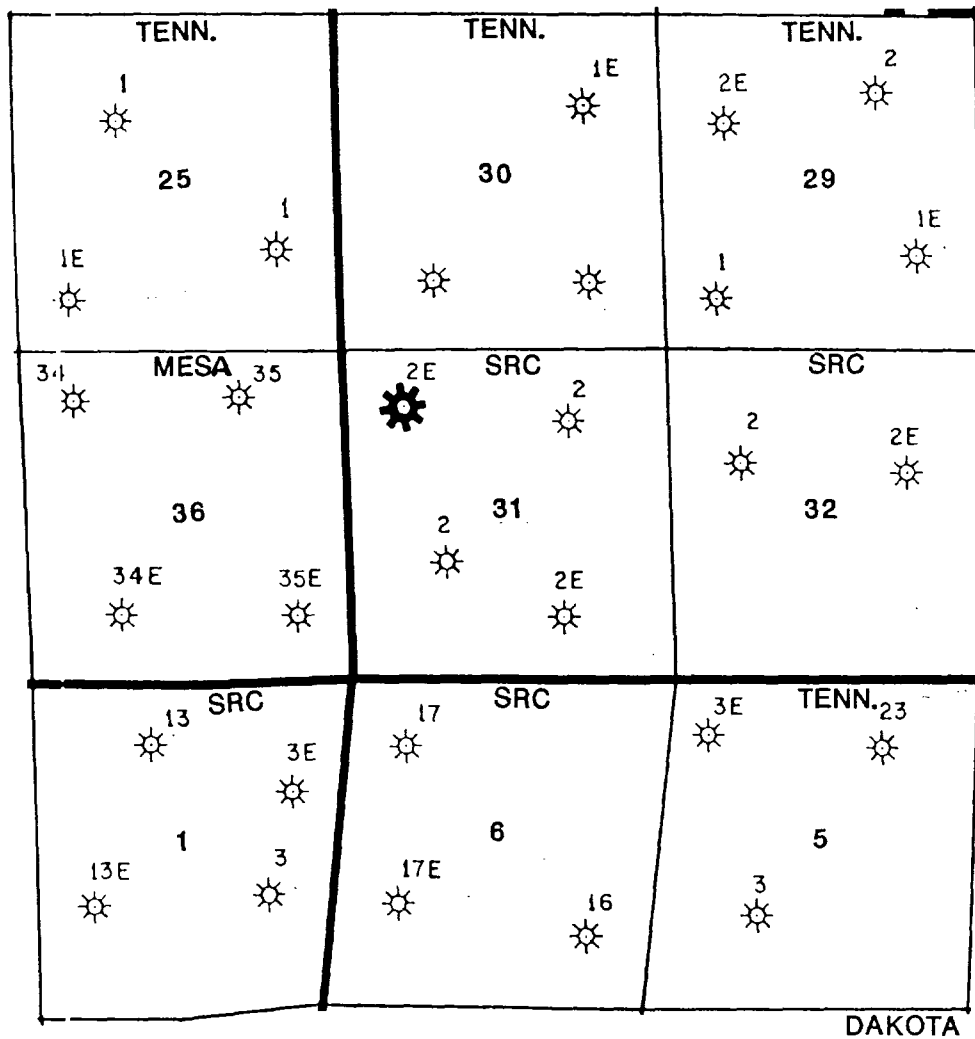
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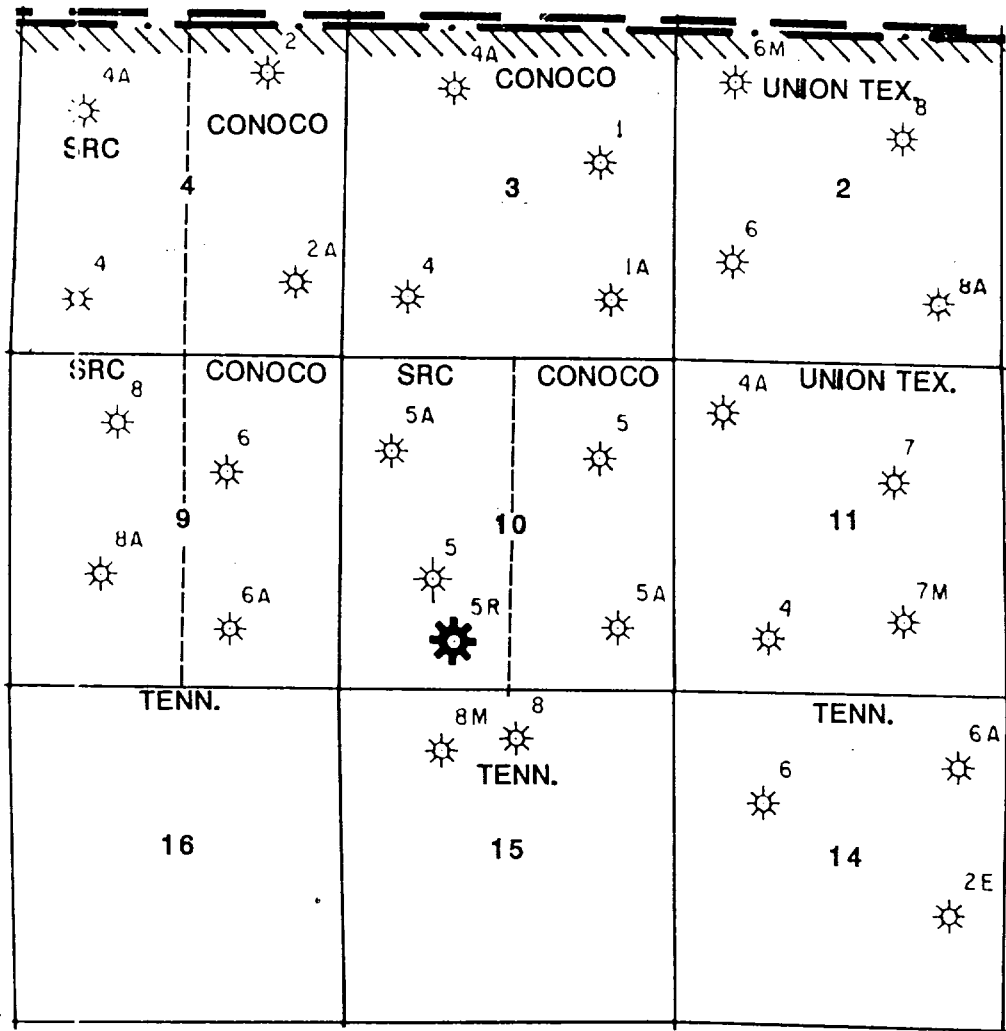
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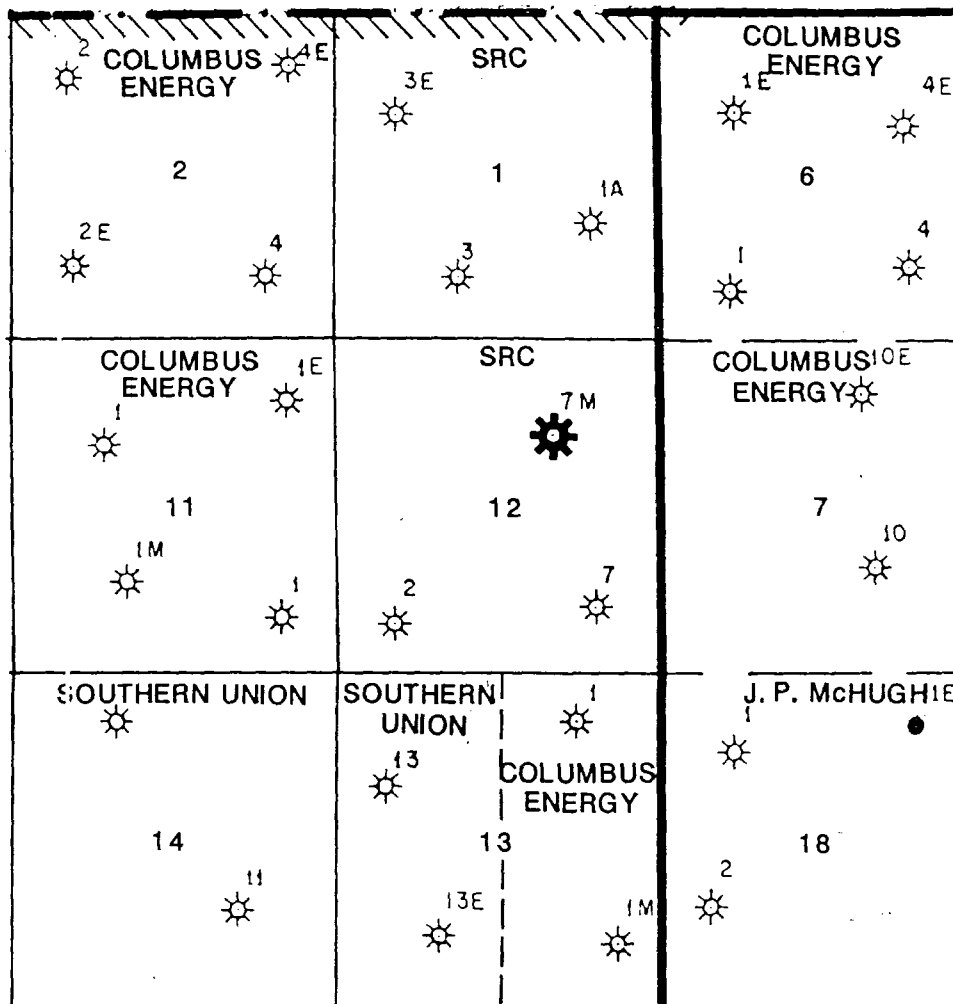


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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

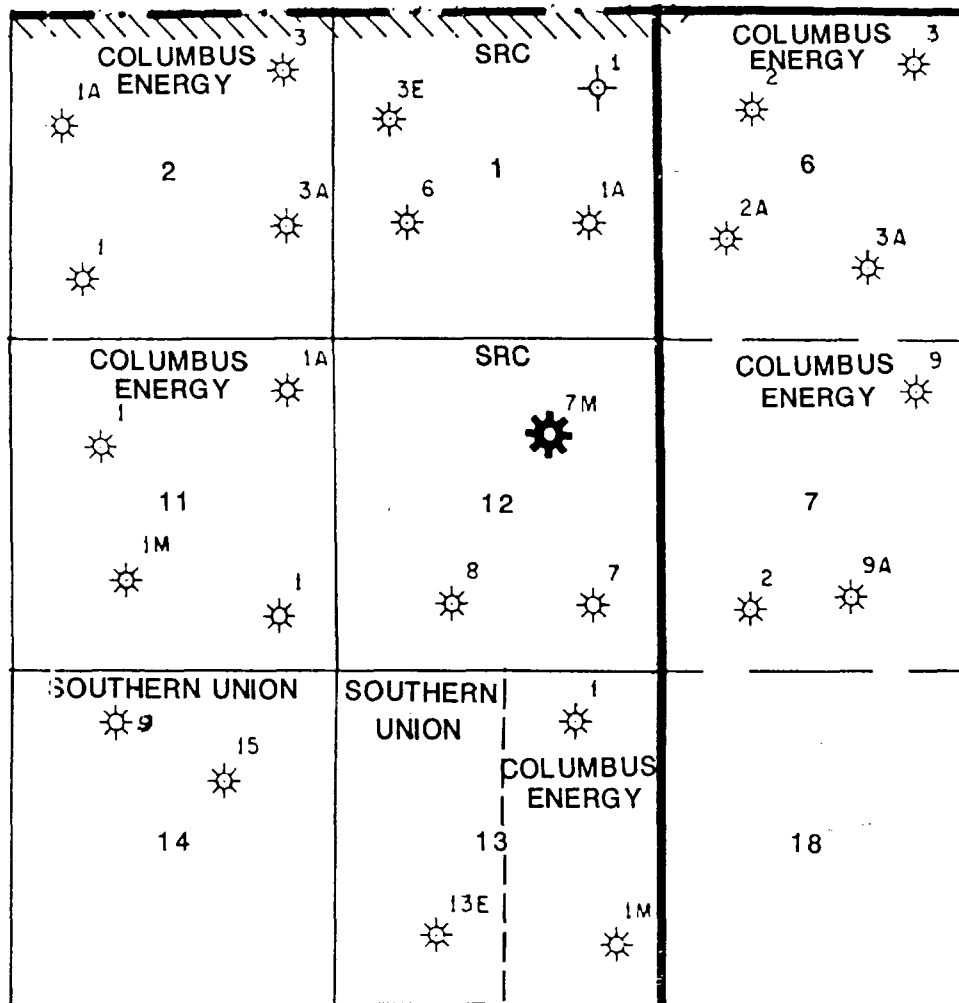


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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

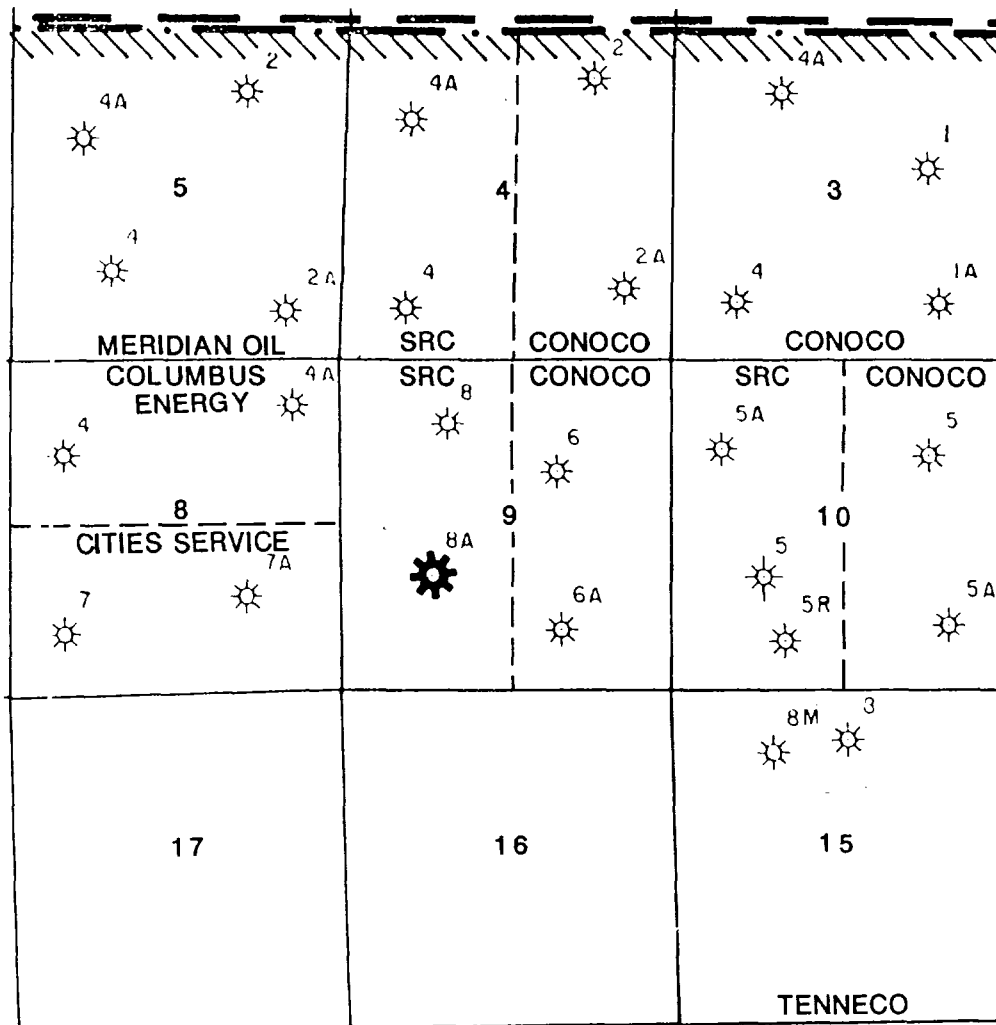


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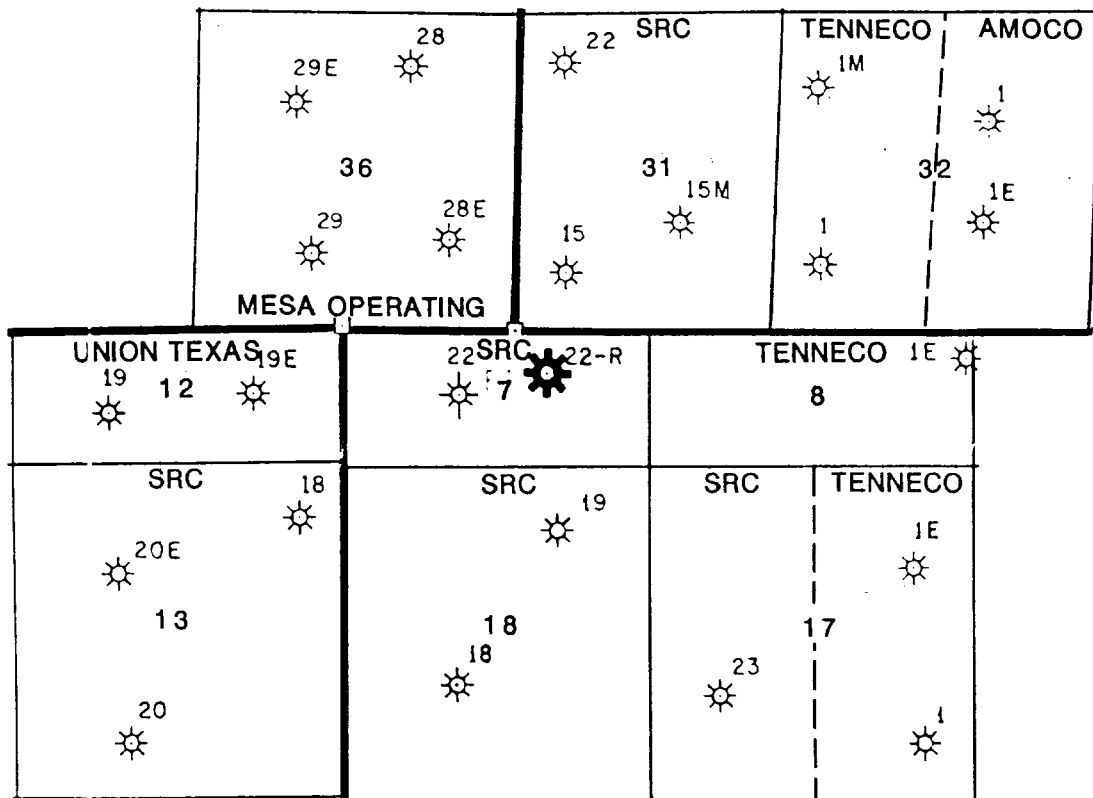
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Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

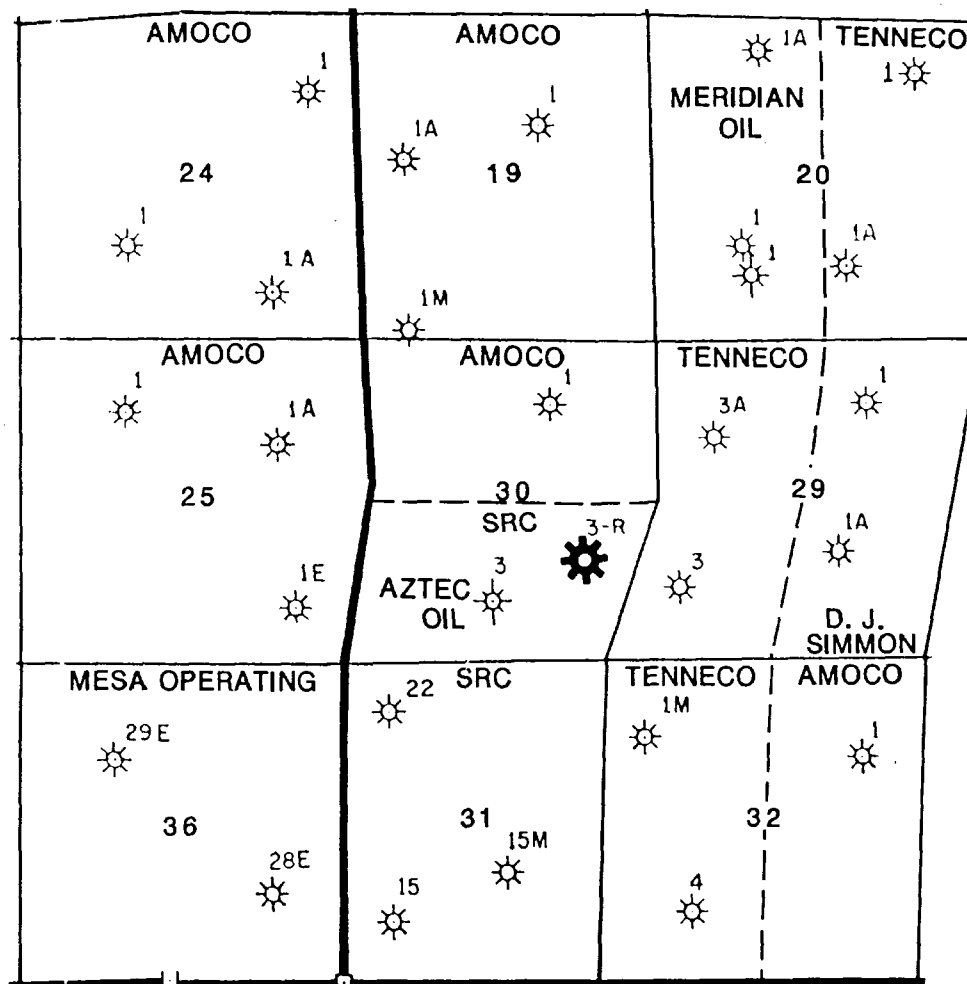


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REID 22R
NW SE 7 - 28N - 9W
San Juan County, New Mexico



CAIN 3R
NE SE 30 - 29N - 9W
San Juan County, New Mexico



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TAB 2

CAIN 3R
Section 30, T29N-R9W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Basin Dakota (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Sunterra Gas Gathering Co.
Gas Purchaser	Southern Union Gathering Co.

REID 22R
Section 7, T28N-R9W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Basin Dakota (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Sunterra Gas Gathering Co.
Gas Purchaser	Southern Union Gathering Co.

ARIZONA JICARILLA B 8A
Section 9, T26N-R5W, N.M.P.M.
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Blanco Mesaverde (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Sunterra Gas Gathering Co.
Gas Purchaser	Southern Union Gathering Co.

JICARILLA 101 7M
Section 12, T26N-R4W, N.M.P.M.
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Basin Dakota (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Gas Company of New Mexico
Gas Purchaser	Gas Company of New Mexico

JICARILLA 101 7M
Section 12, T26N-R4W, N.M.P.M.
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Blanco Mesaverde (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Gas Company of New Mexico
Gas Purchaser	Gas Company of New Mexico

ARIZONA JICARILLA B 5R
Section 10, T26N-R5W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Blanco Mesaverde (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	Gas Company of New Mexico
Gas Purchaser	Gas Company of New Mexico

VASALY 2E
Section 31, T32N-R11W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Basin Dakota(Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	El Paso Natural Gas Co.
Gas Purchaser	El Paso Natural Gas Co.

TOMMY BOLACK 1E
Section 1, T30N-R12W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Basin Dakota(Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	El Paso Natural Gas Co.
Gas Purchaser	El Paso Natural Gas Co.

TOMMY BOLACK 1E
Section 1, T30N-R12W, N.M.P.M.
San Juan County, New Mexico

I. Gas Pool:

Blanco Mesaverde (Prorated Gas) Field

II. Product Sale Information

Oil Transporter:	Meridian Oil Inc.
Oil Purchaser:	
Gas Transporter:	El Paso Natural Gas Co.
Gas Purchaser	El Paso Natural Gas Co.

TAB 3

STATE OF NEW MEXICO §
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COUNTY OF SAN JUAN §

AFFIDAVIT OF C.R. OWEN

COMES NOW C.R. OWEN who deposes and says:

1. I am Meridian Oil Inc.'s (hereinafter referred to as "Meridian") Operations Manager for the Farmington, New Mexico region. In the position of Regional Operations Manager, I am the person responsible for the oil and gas production operations of Meridian and its subsidiary companies in the San Juan Basin.

2. Southland Royalty Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Meridian, operates the following infill wells which are located in San Juan County, New Mexico:

Cain 3R

Reid 22R

Arizona Jicarilla B 8A

Jicarilla 101 7M (Mesa Verde)

Jicarilla 101 7M (Dakota)

Arizona Jicarilla B 5R

Tommy Bolack 1E

Vasaly 2E

3. None of the wells existing on the proration units at the time the infill wells listed in Paragraph 2 above were drilled have had their production restricted in any manner for purposes of avoiding the application of the New Mexico Natural Gas Protection Act to sales of natural gas from those wells.

4. In each case, the drilling of each of the subject wells was justified for reasons other than avoiding the application of the New Mexico Price Protection Act.

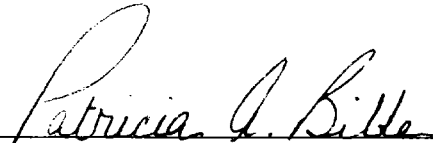


C.R. Owen
Regional Operations Manager

MERIDIAN OIL INC.

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared C.R. OWEN who being by me duly sworn on this oath deposed and said he is the authorized representative of Meridian Oil Inc.; that he has read the foregoing instrument and that every statement contained therein is within his knowledge and is true and correct.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 18 day of May, 1989.



Notary Public in and for
San Juan County, New Mexico

My commission expires:

12-10-90