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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERALS OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BENSON-STRAWN OIL POOL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE:\_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION

Comes now MERIDIAN OIL INC., by and through its attorneys, Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order amending the Special Rules and Regulations for the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to provide for a change in the depth bracket allowable and gas-oil ratio limitation for the pool and in support thereof would state:

 Applicant, Meridian Oil Inc., is the operator of the Benson "3" Federal #1 well located in Unit B of Section 3, T19S, R3ØE, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

2. The Benson "3" Federal #1 Well is located within a mile of the Benson-Strawn Oil Pool and is currently subject to the Special Rules and Regulations established by the Division on June 1, 1980 by Order R-6129-A for said pool.

3. The current Special Pool Rules have established a depth bracket allowable of 70 barrels as set forth in Rule 5 of the Special Rules and Regulations.

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