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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DHC-935

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Attention: Arden L. Walker, Jr.

San Juan 28-5 Unit Well No. 232
Unit L, Section 24, Township 28 North, Range 5 West, NMPM,
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.
Basin Fruitland Coal and Undesignated Pictured Cliffs Pools

Dear Mr. Walker:

Reference is made to your recent application for an exception to Rule 303-A of the Division Rules and Regulations to permit the subject well to commingle production from both pools in the wellbore.

It appearing that the subject well qualifies for approval for such exception pursuant to the provisions of Rule 303-C, and that reservoir damage or waste will not result from such downhole commingling, and correlative rights will not be violated thereby, you are hereby authorized to commingle the production as described above and any Division Order which authorized the dual completion and required separation of the two zones is hereby placed in abeyance.

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 303-C-4., total commingled oil production from the subject well shall not exceed 20 barrels per day, and total water production shall not exceed 40 barrels per day. The maximum amount of gas which may be produced daily from the well shall be determined by Division Rules and Regulations or by the gas allowable for each respective prorated pool as printed in the Division's San Juan Basin Gas Proration Schedule.

Assignment of allowable to the well and allocation of production from the well shall be in accordance with the allocation formula shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof. Any condensate production will be allocated entirely to the Undesignated Pictured Cliffs interval.

The operator is responsible for reporting the monthly gas production from the subject well to the Division utilizing the allocation formula adopted herein. An annual report shall be submitted by the operator to both the Aztec and Santa Fe offices of the Division showing the complete computations for the previous twelve-month period.

FURTHER: The operator shall notify the Aztec District Office of the Division upon implementation of the commingling process.

Pursuant to Rule 303-C-5, the commingling authority granted by the order may be rescinded by the Division Director if, in his opinion, conservation is not being best served by such commingling.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 28th day of September, 1993.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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WJL/BES/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec
U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Farmington

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MONTHLY GAS PRODUCTION ALLOCATION FORMULA

GENERAL EQUATION

Qt = Qftc + Qpc

WHERE: Qt = TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION (MCF/MONTH)

Qftc = FRUITLAND COAL (ftc) MONTHLY PRODUCTION
Qpc = PICTURED CLIFFS (pc) MONTHLY PRODUCTION (MCF/MONTH)

REARRANGING THE EQUATION TO SOLVE FOR Qftc:

Qftc = Qt - Qpc

ANY PRODUCTION RATE OVER WHAT IS CALCULATED FOR THE PICTURED CLIFFS (PC) USING THE APPLIED FORMULA IS FRUITLAND COAL (FTC) PRODUCTION.

PICTURED CLIFFS (PC) FORMATION PRODUCTION FORMULA IS:

Qpc = Qpci X e^{-(Dpc) X (t)}

WHERE: **Qpci** = INITIAL PC MONTHLY FLOW RATE (CALCULATED FROM FLOW TEST)

Dpc = PICTURED CLIFFS MONTHLY DECLINE RATE CALCULATED FROM:
Dpc = (Qpci-Qpcabd)/Np(pc)
See Determination of Qpci and PC Estimated Ultimate Recovery (Np(pc))
Qpcabd = 300 MCF/M

WHERE: **Np(pc)** = PICTURED CLIFFS ESTIMATED ULTIMATE RECOVERY (EUR)
Np(pc) = P X 0.50 MMCF/PSI X Rf**
P* = INITIAL RESERVOIR PRESSURE (SIBHP)
RF = RECOVERY (FIELD ANALOGY): = 0.95
** DETERMINED FROM MATERIAL BALANCE (FIELD ANALOGY) AND VOLUMETRIC RESERVES (LOG ANALYSIS)

By calculating Np(pc) from SIBHP and determining Qpci, Dpc can then be calculated utilizing the previously described parameters. See derivation of Dpc, item (c) on page 4.

THUS: **Qftc = Qt - Qpci X e^{-(Dpc) X (t)}**
WHERE: **(t) IS IN MONTHS**

REFERENCE: Thompson, R. S., and Wright, J. D., "Oil Property Evaluation", pages 5-2, 5-3, 5-4.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
(505) 334-6178

Date: 9-20-93

Attn: Ben Stone

Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

RE: Proposed MC_____ Proposed DHC X
Proposed NSL_____ Proposed SWD_____
Proposed WFX_____ Proposed PMX_____
Proposed NSP_____ Proposed DD_____

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application received on 9-7-93

for the Meridian (OPERATOR) S.J. 28-5 Unit #232 (LEASE & WELL NO.)

L-24-28N-05W (UL-S-T-R) and my recommendations are as follows:

Approve

Yours truly,

Ernie Busch

MERIDIAN OIL

August 31, 1993

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Bill LeMay
P.O. Box 2088
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: San Juan 28-5 Unit #232
Unit L, Section 24, T28N, R05W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Downhole Commingling Request

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Meridian Oil Inc. is applying for an administrative downhole commingling order for the referenced well in the Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland Coal fields. The ownership of the zones to be commingled is common. All offsetting acreage in this case belongs to Meridian Oil Inc. A letter has been sent to the Bureau of Land Management notifying them.

The Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs wells producing in this area operated by Meridian are marginally productive. Based on offset production in this area, drilling of separate wells and dual completions to produce the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs are not economically justified. The only economical way to recover the Fruitland Coal and Pictured Cliffs reserves in this drill block is to downhole commingle production from both zones in this well.

It is proposed to complete the Pictured Cliffs formation and test its production. It is then proposed to set a bridge plug above the Pictured Cliffs, perforate and stimulate the Fruitland Coal, and test its production. The bridge plug will then be removed, and both zones produced through a single string of tubing. The reservoir characteristics of each of the subject zones are such that underground waste will not be caused by the proposed commingling. Neither producing interval makes oil, and only minimal amounts of similar water are produced in the offset wells. The average shut-in pressures in the area for the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal are **1090** and **1070** psi, respectively.

The allocation of the commingled production will be calculated using the attached allocation formula. This formula is based on offset Pictured Cliffs production performance (material balance) and volumetrics, and uses accepted Reservoir Engineering methods to allocate the Pictured Cliffs reserves. This addresses the Fruitland Coal producing characteristics of early life inclining production rates.

Approval of this commingling application will allow for the prevention of wasted resources and protection of correlative rights. Included with this letter are plats showing ownership of offsetting leases for both the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland Coal, a copy of the letter to the BLM and an allocation formula.

Sincerely,

Arden Walker, Jr.

Arden L. Walker, Jr.
Regional Production Engineer

KS:tg
Attachments

cc: Frank T. Chavez - NMOCD/Aztec

MERIDIAN OIL

August 31, 1993

Bureau of Land Management
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

RE: San Juan 28-5 Unit #232
Unit L, Section 24, T28N, R05W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico
Downhole Commingling Request

Gentlemen:

Meridian Oil, Inc. is in the process of applying for a downhole commingling order for the San Juan 28-5 Unit #232 well located in Unit L, Section 24, T28N, R05W, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, in the Pictured Cliffs and the Basin Fruitland Coal fields.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of such action. If you have no objections to the proposed commingling order, we would appreciate your signing this letter and returning it to this office.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Kurt A. Shipley
Production Engineering

KS/tg

The above downhole commingling request is hereby approved:

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Date: _____

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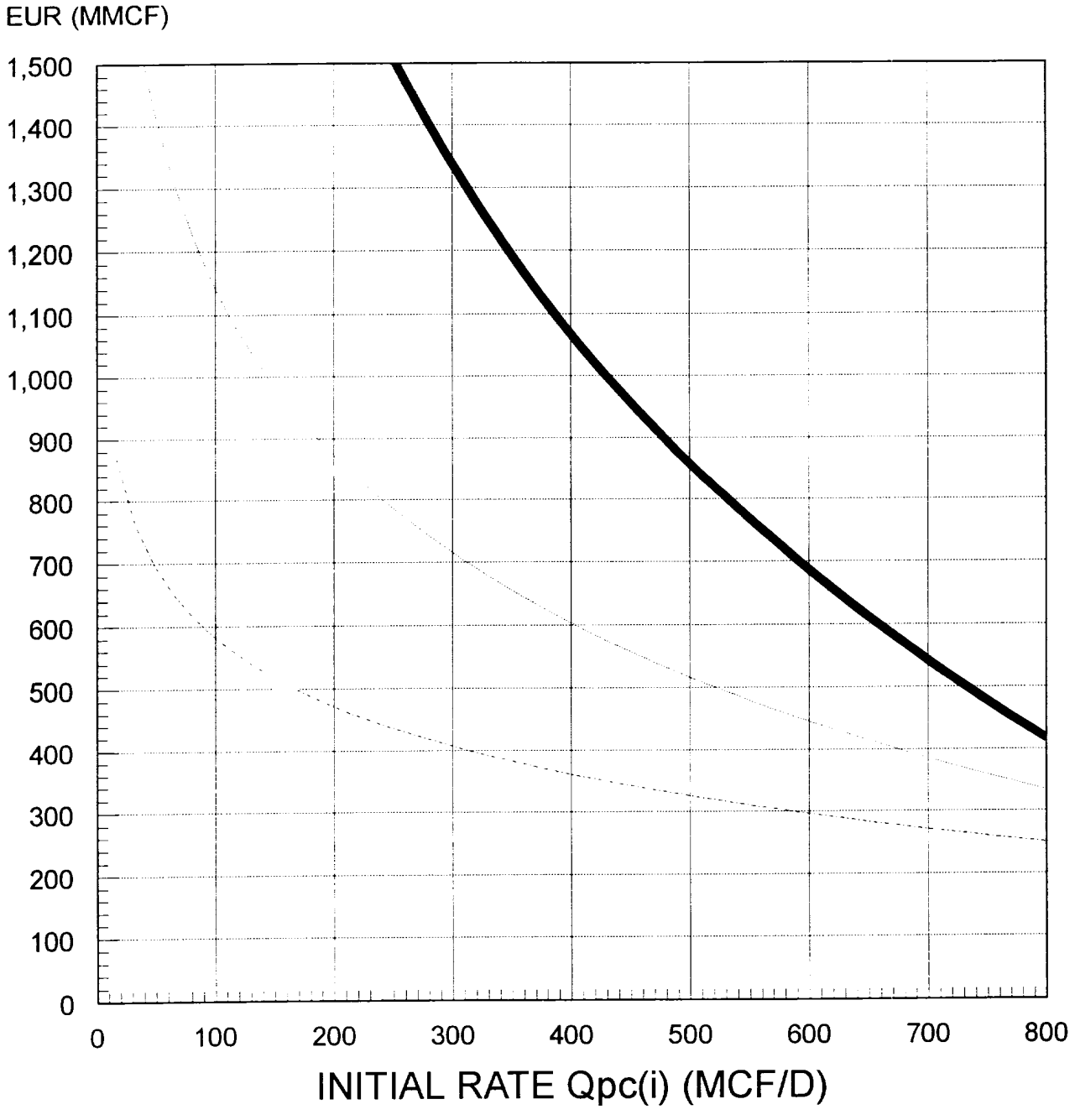
FRUITLAND COAL/ PICTURED CLIFFS

INITIAL RATE VS EUR



EST. FTC EUR: 849 MMCF EST. FTC QI: 190 MCFD

EST. PC EUR: 514 MMCF EST. PC QI: 160 MCFD

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In order to facilitate an economic Pictured Cliffs completion three requirements must be met. It is the combination of these three requirements that determines the economic status and completion method (PC single completion, PC-FTC Dual, PC-FTC commingle) utilized. In some cases the Pictured Cliffs formation may be economic as a stand alone or dual completion. The Fruitland Coal, however, fails to meet economic criteria in all cases except commingling. These three requirements are as follows:

RESERVES Np(pc)

FLOW RATE (Qpci)

COSTS (Investment and Operating)

Shown in the following example are the parameters and calculations used to determine Pictured Cliffs initial rate (Qpci), Pictured Cliffs Estimated Ultimate Recovery (Np(pc)), and Pictured Cliffs decline rate (Dpc). Additionally, estimated costs associated with each completion method and economic sensitivities (figures 1-3) are attached to show the effects of PC reserves (Np(pc)), initial PC rates (Qpci), and completion method (costs).

The monthly gas production allocaton formula presented is similar to the allocation formula presented by Meridian Oil in previous commingle hearings.

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DETERMINATION OF Qpci:
(INITIAL PICTURED CLIFFS MONTHLY PRODUCTION)

$$Qpci = Qt(1) \times Qpc(p) / \{Qpc(p) + Qftc(p)\}$$

WHERE:

Qt(1) = FIRST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION (MCF)

Qpc(p) = FINAL PICTURED CLIFFS FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

Qftc(p) = FINAL FRUITLAND COAL FLOW TEST (MCFPD)

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EXAMPLE DETERMINATION OF:

(a) Np(pc)	PC EUR
(b) Qpci	INITIAL PC MONTHLY FLOW RATE
(c) Dpc	PC MONTHLY DECLINE RATE

(a) DETERMINATION OF Np(pc)

(see page 5 for Np(pc) derivation)

Np(pc) = 0.50 (MMCF/PSI) X P*(PSI) X Rf

P* = 1090 PSI (FROM SIBHP)

Np(pc) = 0.50 MMCF/PSI X 1090 PSI X 0.95

Np(pc) = 514 MMCF

(b) DETERMINATION OF Qpci

Qpci = Qt(1) X {Qpc(p)/(Qpc(p) + Qftc(p))}

Qt(1) =	15,000 MCF	1ST MONTH TOTAL PRODUCTION
Qpc(p) =	500 MCF/D	PC FLOW TEST
Qftc(p) =	400 MCF/D	FTC FLOW TEST

Qpci = 15,000 MCF/M X {500 MCF/D/(500 MCF/D + 400 MCF/D)}

Qpci = 8,333 MCF/M

(c) DETERMINATION OF Dpc

Dpc = (Qpci - Qpcabd)/Np(pc)

Qpcabd = 300 MCF/M

Dpc =(8,333MCF/M - 300MCF/M)/(514,000 MCF)

Dpc = 0.0156/M

THUS: Qftc = Qt(MCF/M) - 8,333(MCF/M) X e^{-(0.0156(1/M)) X t(M)}

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A. DETERMINATION OF PC RESERVES Np(pc)= (HCPV X Bg X Rf)

Volumetric Evaluation (averages are for subject 160 acre drill block)

a.	(t)	thickness	=	14.0 ft
b.	(phi)	porosity	=	14.0 %
c.	(Sw)	H2O saturation	=	44.0 %
d.	(Rf)	Recovery Factor	=	95.0 %
e.	(rcf)	Reservoir Cubic Feet	@ reservoir conditions	
f.	(scf)	Standard Cubic Feet	@ standard conditions	

1. HCPV = HYDROCARBON PORE VOLUME (rcf)

= t (ft) X a (ft^2) X phi X (1-Sw)
= 14 (ft) X 160 (acres) X 43,560 (ft^2/acre) X 0.14 X (1-0.44)
= 7,610,000 ft^3 1mmrcf = 1,000,000 ft^3

HCPV = 7.610 mmrcf

2. Bg = FORMATION VOLUME FACTOR (scf/rcf)

UTILIZING THE REAL GAS LAW TO DETERMINE THE FORMATION VOLUME FACTOR (Bg):

REAL GAS LAW states: $PV = ZnRT$

Rearranging to solve for n: $n = PV/ZRT$

assuming: $nr = ns$

WHERE: nr = NUMBER OF MOLES OF GAS AT RESERVOIR CONDITION

ns = NUMBER OF MOLES OF GAS AT SURFACE CONDITIONS

THUS: Pr Vr/ Zr Tr R = Ps Vs / Zs Ts R

Rearranging: Vs/Vr = Bg = Zs Ts Pr / Zr Tr Ps

assuming:

Zs	=	1.00	
Zr	=	0.94	
Ts	=	60 *F	or 520 *R
Tr	=	100 *F	or 560 *R
Ps	=	15.025 psia	
Pr	=	Determined from build-up test	

Bg = FORMATION VOLUME FACTOR (scf/rcf)= Zs Ts Pr / Zr Tr Ps

= (scf/rcf) {1.00 X 520 (*R) X Pr (psia)}/ {0.94 X 560 (*R) X 15.025 (psia)}

Bg = 0.0657 {scf/ (rcf psia)} X Pr (psia)

3. EUR = HCPV X Bg X Rf

= 7.610 (mmrcf) X 0.0657 {scf/(rcf psia)} X Pr (psia) X 0.95

Np(pc) = 0.50 (mmscf/psia) X Pr (psia) X 0.95

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B. PICTURED CLIFFS DRILLING /COMPLETION COST SUMMARY

1. STAND ALONE SINGLE PC COMPLETION

ESTIMATED COSTS:	TANGIBLE (M$)	INTANGIBLE (M$)	TOTAL (M$)
	115.00	209.75	324.75

2. FTC/PC DUAL COMPLETION*

ESTIMATED COSTS:	TANGIBLE (M$)	INTANGIBLE (M$)	TOTAL (M$)
	127.20	144.34	271.54

3. FTC/PC COMMINGLE COMPLETION*

ESTIMATED COSTS:	TANGIBLE (M$)	INTANGIBLE (M$)	TOTAL (M$)
	58.90	141.45	200.35

*PICTURED CLIFFS COSTS ONLY

C. ECONOMIC SUMMARY

THE FIGURE INCLUDED DEPICTS RESERVES (EUR) VS INITIAL RATE (MC

THREE CASES PER FIGURE (FTC/PC COMMINGLE, FTC/PC DUAL, PC SINGLE) @ 15 % ROR

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Expected Reservoir Pressures

Pictured Cliffs - Average of the closest PC completions is 1090 psi SICP (pressures range from 1017 psi to 1065 psi). All of the completions are within 4 miles of the subject location. The initial pressure at the subject location is expected to be the offsetting PC average of 1090 psi.

Fruitland Coal - Average of the closest FTC completions is 1070 psi SICP (pressures range from 635 to 1459 psi). All of the completions are within 4-5 miles of the subject location. The pressure at the subject location is expected to be the offset FTC average of 1070 psi.

PC - 1090 psi, FTC - 1070 psi. Within limits of pressure requirements for commingling.

Fluid Compatibility

Neither producing formation makes oil or water in existing wells in the area. Both formations are very dry gas producers and no fluid production is anticipated in this well.

PC - dry gas production , FTC - dry gas production. Only natural gas will be produced so fluids are compatible.

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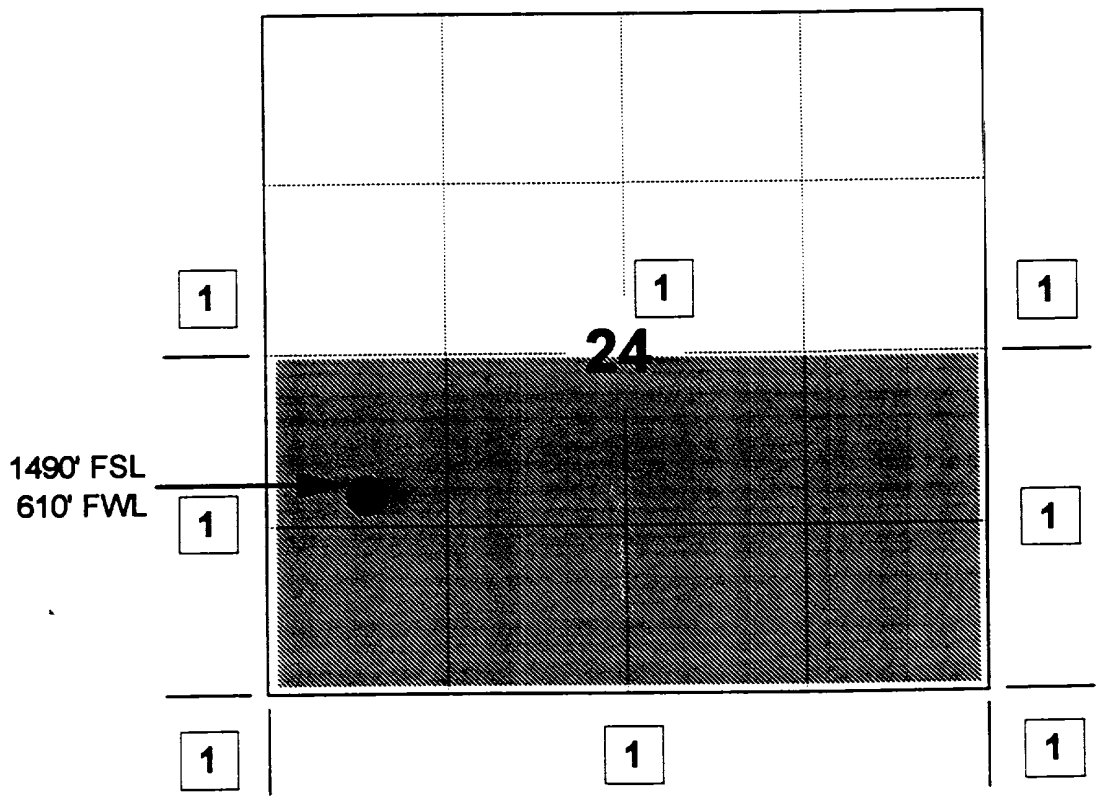
OFFSET OPERATOR \ OWNER PLAT

Fruitland Coal / Pictured Cliffs Formations Commingle

Township 28 North, Range 05 West



1) Meridian Oil Inc