

Sent Copy to E. Burch 5/5/89

MERIDIAN OIL

May 1, 1989

Mr. William LeMay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Mr. LeMay:

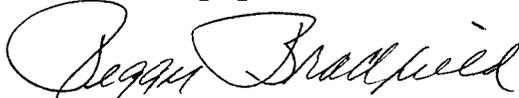
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encl.

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xc: Union Texas Petroleum

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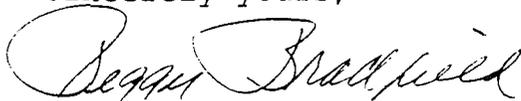
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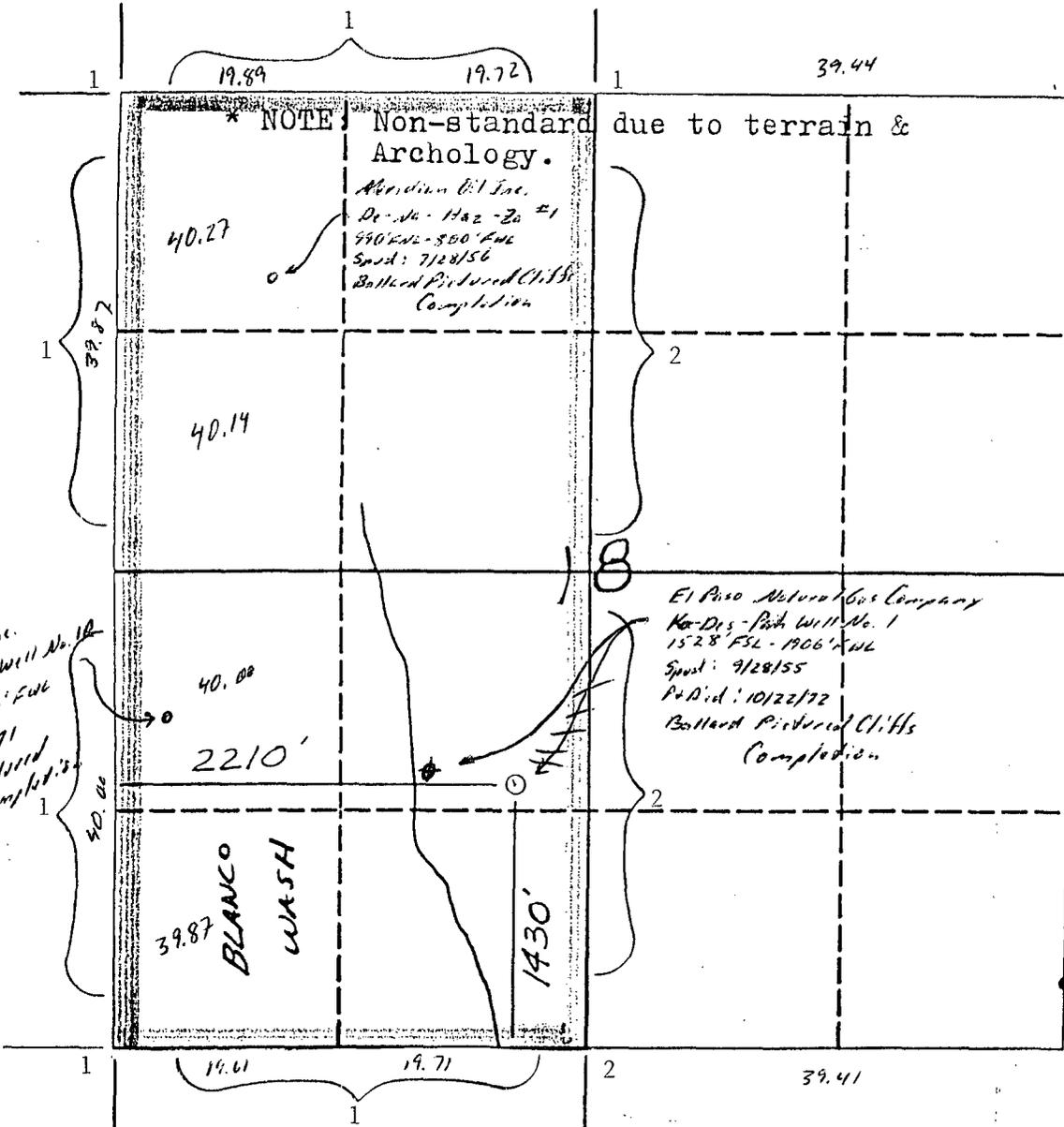
MERIDIAN OIL INC

Well Name Kah Des Pah #2

Footage 1430' FSL; 2210' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County San Juan State New Mexico Section 18 Township 26N Range 8W



Remarks

- 1) Meridian Oil Inc.
- 2) Union Texas Petroleum Corp.

Submit to Appropriate
District Office
State Lease - 4 copies
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Form C-102
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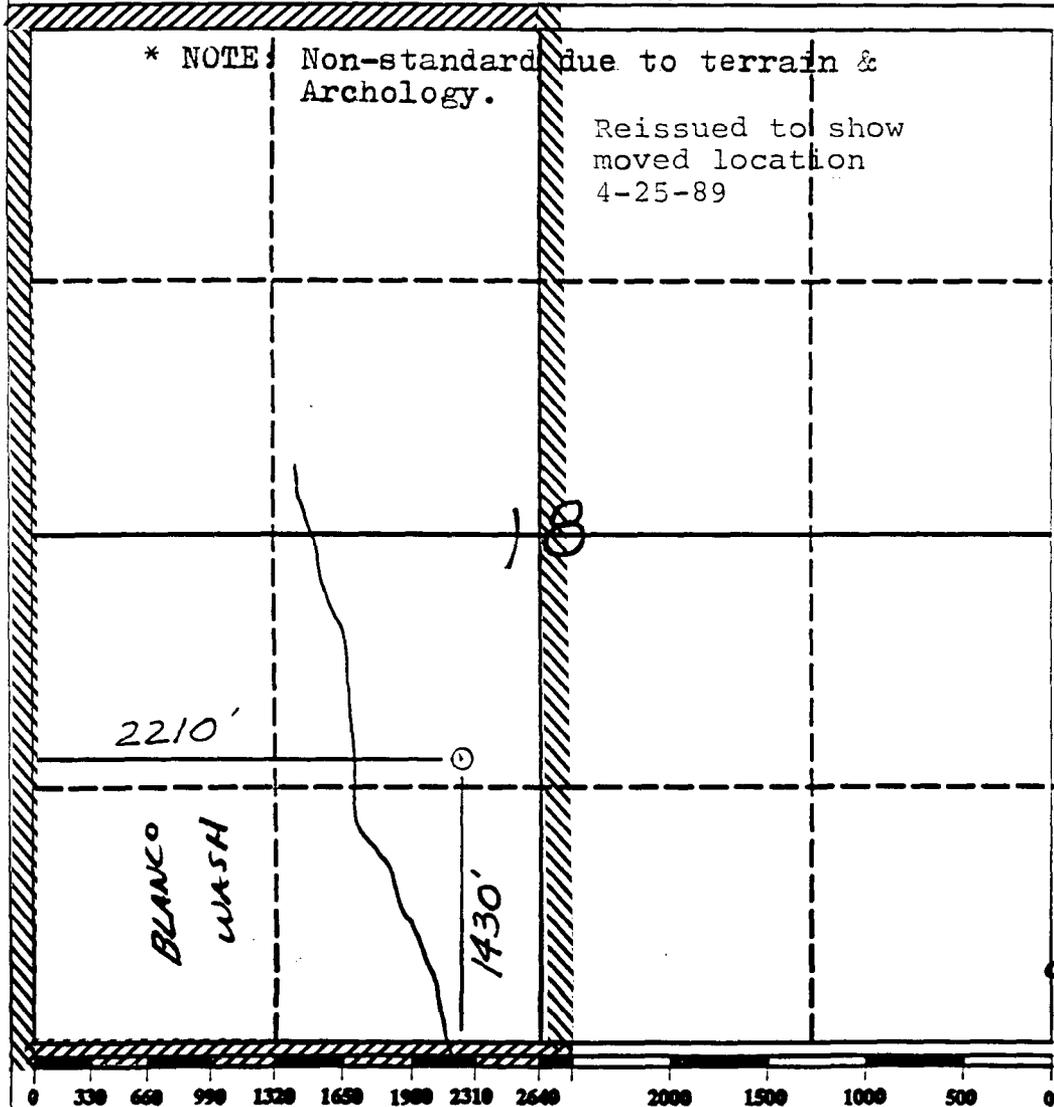
DISTRICT II
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DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT
All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator Meridian Oil Inc.		Lease (14-20-603-771) Kah Des Pah		Well No. 2	
Unit Letter K	Section 18	Township 26 North	Range 8 West	County San Juan	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1430 feet from the South line and 2210 feet from the West line					
Ground level Elev. 6213 "	Producing Formation Dakota		Pool Basin	Dedicated Acreage: 320.28 Acres	

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I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature
Peggy Bradfield

Printed Name
Meridian Oil Inc.

Position
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Company

Date

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION
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Date Surveyed
Neale C C Edwards

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor
NEALE C C EDWARDS
6857

Certificate No. 6857



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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

DATE 5-4-89

RE: Proposed MC _____
Proposed DIIC _____
Proposed NSL K _____
Proposed SWD _____
Proposed WFX _____
Proposed PMX _____

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 5-3-89
for the MESITAZAN OIL, INC. - KADES PAH #2 K-18-26N-8W
Operator Lease and Well No. Unit, S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

Approve

Yours truly,

E. B. Bush

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MERIDIAN OIL

March 7, 1989

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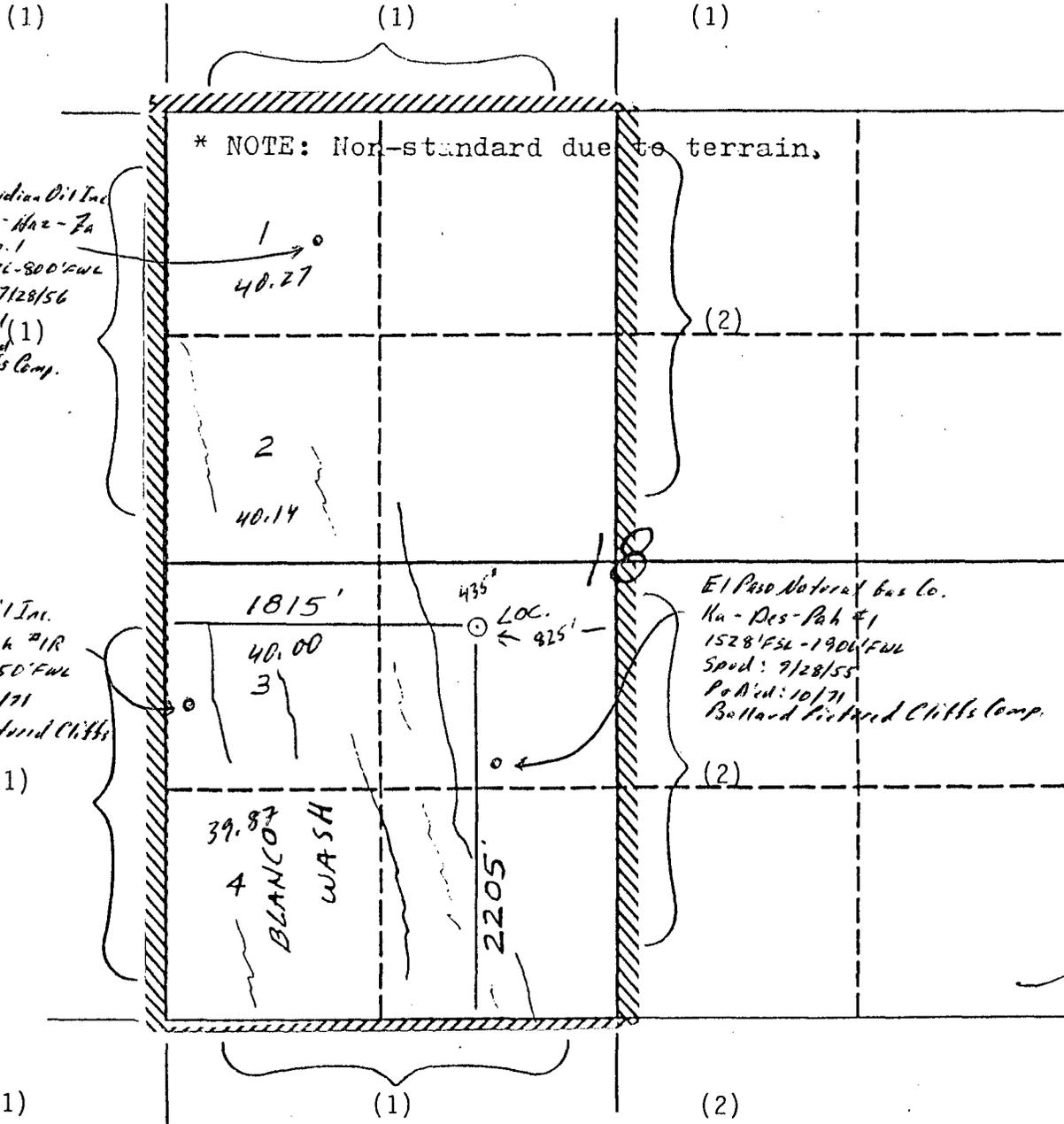
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Footage-- = 2205' FSL; 1815' FWL

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REMARKS:

OFFSET OPERATORS:

- (1) El Paso Natural Gas Company
- (2) Union Texas Petroleum

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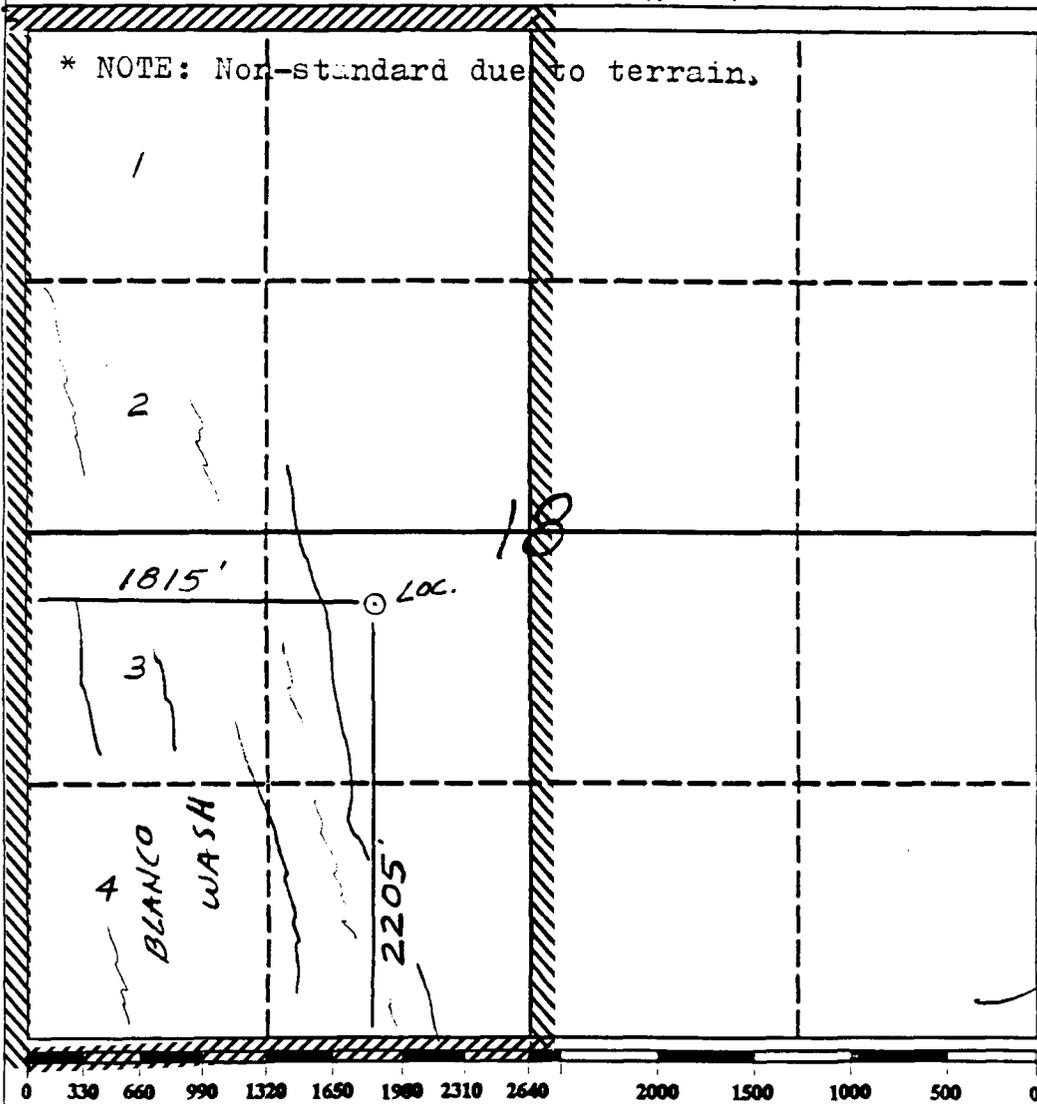
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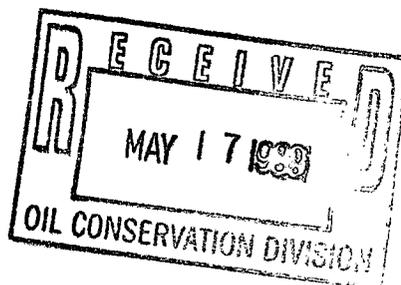
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By: _____ Date: _____

xc: Southern Union Exploration

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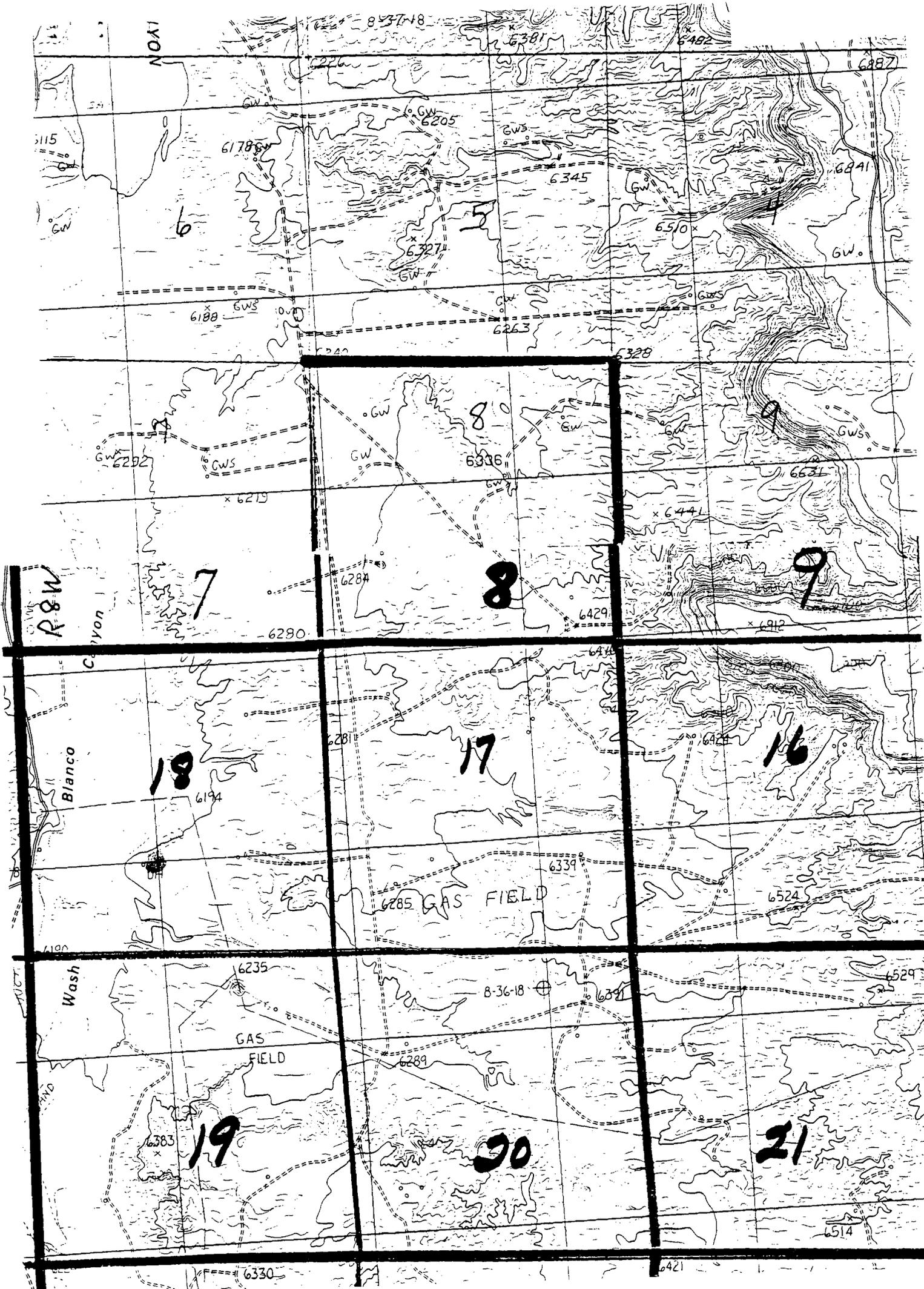
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By: Mark Bgs Date: 5/19/89

xc: Southern Union Exploration





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GARREY CARRUTHERS
GOVERNOR

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

May 16, 1989

Meridian Oil, Inc.
P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Attention: Peggy Bradfield

RE: Unorthodox Gas Well Location, ¹⁴³⁰
Ka Des Pah Well No. 2, 1403' FSL
- 2210' FWL, K-18-T26N-R8W,
Basin Dakota Pool, San Juan
County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

By way of the attached comments, Union Texas Petroleum has notified us that they are not the offset operators to your proposed well. Please submit an amended ownership plat and proof of notification to the correct parties so that a new waiting period can begin for this filing as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael E. Stogner".

Michael E. Stogner
Administrative Application Reviewer

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May 8, 1989

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P.O. Box 4289
Farmington, NM 87499-4289

Attention: Peggy Bradfield

RE: Administrative Application for an
Unorthodox Coal Gas Well
Location, 2205' FSL - 1815' FWL,
(K) 18-T26N-R8W, Ka-Des-Pah
Well No. 2.

Dear Ms. Bradfield:

The data provided with your application made on May 1, 1989 is inadequate. Additional supporting information will be required before this filing may be processed. Please submit a topo-map showing surface details and any written comments and/or communications with the BLM and archaeologists concerning this matter.

For your information, I have attached a copy of Memorandum No. 3-89 which state the Division's new policies on unorthodox locations. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Michael E. Stogner
Administrative Application Reviewer

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No. 3-89

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS
FROM: WILLIAM J. LEMAY, DIRECTOR *WJL*
SUBJECT: UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATIONS
DATE: MARCH 24, 1989

Previously, it has been the practice of the Division to approve applications for unorthodox well locations without penalty if they were not opposed by any off-setting operator. However, due to the increased applications for unorthodox locations based predominantly on "closeology", this Division policy may no longer be appropriate. In the future, applications for unorthodox locations, whether for administrative approval or through the hearing process, will have to be supported by substantial evidence.

The Division will be reviewing future applications in an effort to develop guidelines for approving or denying such applications. Generally, if the application is based upon surface conditions, i.e., topography, archaeological considerations, etc., it will have to be clearly shown what obstructions prevent the drilling of the well at a legal location and the unorthodox location will have to be as close as practicable to the orthodox location. If unorthodox location is being requested for geological reasons, the applicant should be prepared to present evidence showing the geological factors that dictate the necessity for drilling an unorthodox location.

As always, the Division welcomes industry input into the process.

dr/

MERIDIAN OIL

May 10, 1989

Mr. Mike Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Post Office Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Kah Des Pah ~~#1~~ #2
1430'S, 2210'W, Section 18, T-26-N, R-8-W

Dear Mr. Stogner:

In reference to your letter of May 8, 1989, attached is a topographic map showing the location of this well, and a plat showing the location of the washes and the archaeological site. I have also enclosed our work site inspection sheet, showing the various locations and inspections of the Bureau of Land Management, Archaeologist, and Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel and their objections.

Please let me know if further information is needed.

Sincerely,


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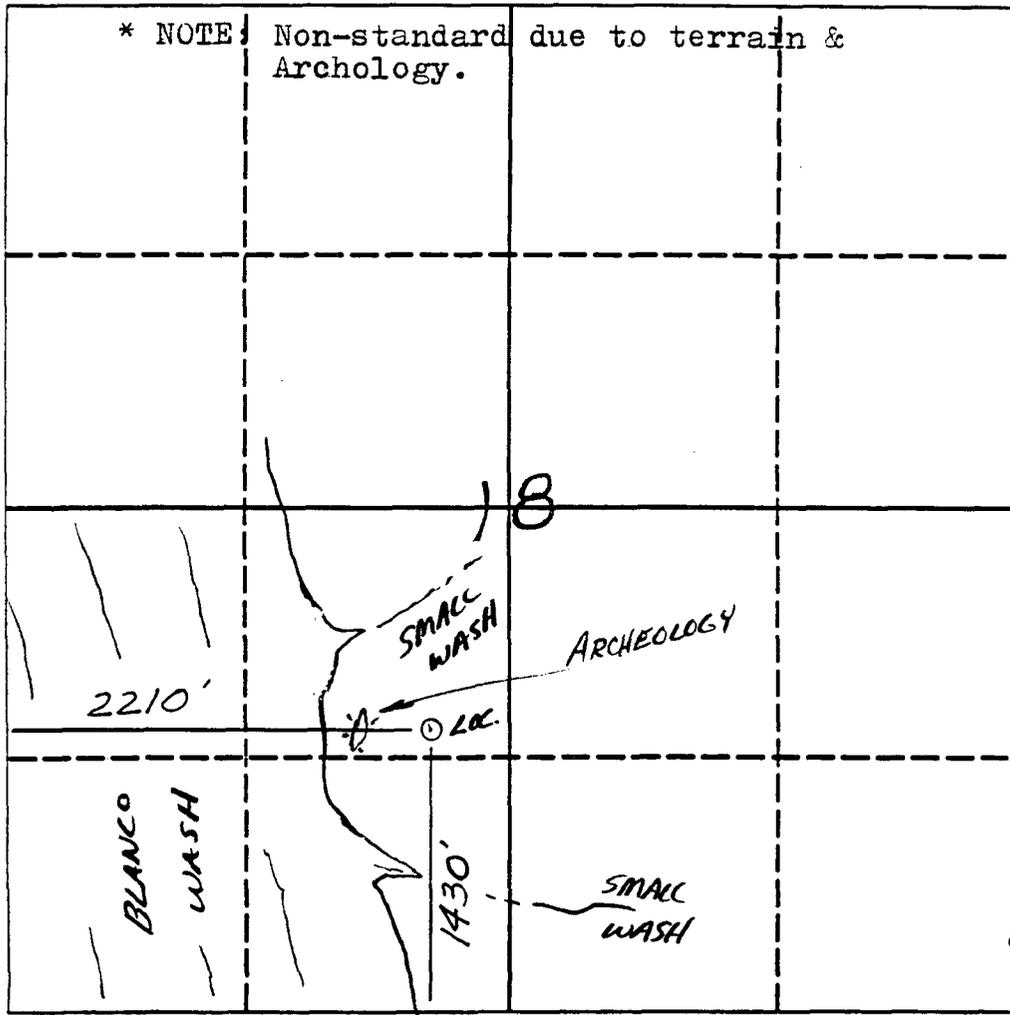
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* NOTE: Non-standard due to terrain & Archology.

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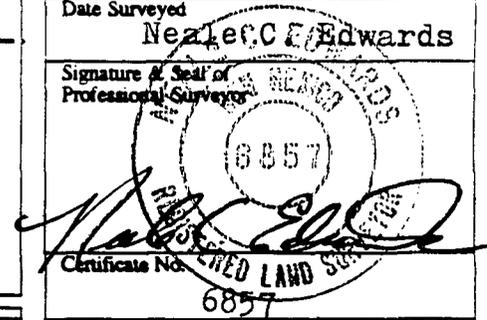
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Date Surveyed _____
 Neale C C Edwards
 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor
 Certificate No. 6857



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RESTAKED
1450'S 1810'W 4-7-89 ← Rains
1190'S 1810'W 4-11-84 ← in wash

Well Name MDI KKH DES Pad #2
Location → 7450' 1190' FSL 1810'
1430' FSL 2210' FWL 18-26-8
Formation DK

We, the undersigned, have inspected this location and road.

Bureau of Reclamation Representative _____ Date _____

U.S. Forest Service Representative _____ Date _____

Robert M. [unclear]
Archaeologist _____ Date 4/11/89

Leonard Vincenti
Bureau of Indian Affairs Representative _____ Date 4-11-89

Don Elsworth
Bureau of Land Management Representative _____ Date 4/17/89

AGREES TO THE FOOTAGE LOCATION OF THIS WELL.

Reason: Reject this pad location, half of location was in the flood plain.

Seed Mixture: _____

Equipment Color: _____

Road and ROW (Same) or (Separate)

Remarks: _____



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Re: Proposed MC _____
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Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated _____

for the Mesidian Oil Co. Operator KRH DES PAH #1 Lease & Well No.

K-18-28N-8W and my recommendations are as follows:
 Unit, S-T-R

Approve

Yours truly,

Eric A. Busch

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