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. 10631

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by MERIDIAN OIL INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY ATTORNEY

N/A

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

Meridian Oil Inc., Applicant, seeks approval to drill a replacement coal gas well within an existing standard 320 acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising W/2 of Section 35, Township 31 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, at an unorthodox coal gas well location in Unit E of said Section 35. Said unit is presently dedicated to the Johnston Federal Well No. 15 located at a previously approved unorthodox location in Unit F of said Section 35, which will either be plugged and abandoned or used as a pressure observation well after the replacement well is completed.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander Landman	10 Minutes	2 Exhibits
Greg Jennings Geologist	20 Minutes	4 Exhibits
Jim Falconi Petroleum Engineer	20 Minutes	4 Exhibits
OPPOSITION		
WITNESSES	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS

NONE

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None applicable at this time.

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