

## ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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April 23, 1993

KELLAHIN AND KELLAHIN Attorneys at Law P. O. Drawer 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE:

CASE NO. 10659

ORDER NO. R-9879

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Sally E. Leichtle

Administrative Secretary

cc:

BLM - Carlsbad

Monika Romero - OCD

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The following are a list of reasons why the Farnsworth "B" Federal No. 2 should be included in the Rhodes Pool versus the Scarborough Pool:

- 1. Structural low axis, which trends NW-SE, appears to divide the anticlinal structure in the west (Scarborough Pool) from the structure in the east (Rhodes Gas Pool). This structural division is not a permeability bearier or a fault, but is simply a low axis. This low axis divides Section 7 leaving the W/2 and the W/2 E/2 as a logical extension of the Scarborough Pool with the E/2 E/2 as a logical extension of the Rhodes Gas Pool. This low axis is illustated on the cross-section and structure map.
- 2. Both the Scarborough Pool and the Rhodes Gas Pool consist of the Yates-Seven Rivers formations. It appears that the majority of the production from the Scarborough Pool is oil which is driven by a strong water source from the Delaware Basin. The production from the Rhodes Gas Pool is primarily dry gas driven by pressure depletion. The low axis mentioned above appears to have prevented this strong water source from entering the Rhodes Gas Pool.
- 3. Rate-time curves and volumetric calculations show the drainage radius of the wells in the Rhodes Gas Pool to be approximately 80 acres and therefore the proposed "stand-up" 160 acre drilling tract should not impair correlative rights and will prevent waste.
- 4. Shepherd "B" No. 3, which is currently P&A'd, was offset by the Shepherd Federal No. 7 in 1991. The No. 7 well is located approximately 1,100' from the No. 3 well and is currently producing 130 MCFPD with a projected EUR of 500 MMCF. This indicates the No. 3 well did not effectively drain 160 acres (ie. drainage radius probably closer to 80 acres as suggested above).



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April 7, 1993

BRUCE KING GOVERNOR

ANITA LOCKWOOD CABINET SECRETARY

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

TO:

Larry Van Ryan, Chief Engineer

Robert G. Stovall, General Counsel

FROM:

Michael E. Stogner

SUBJECT:

Case 10659 - Application of Meridian Oil Inc. for a

Non-Standard Gas Proration Unit in The Rhodes-Yates-

Seven Rivers Gas Pool, Lea County.

This memo is to confirm a discussion I had with Mr. Van Ryan yesterday. An order in the subject case is close to completion, to substantiate one finding I will need to consult the transcript, which has not been received to date. When it arrives a very brief review period will be required so that I might properly resolve this matter.



#### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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March 4, 1993

BRUCE KING GOVERNOR

ANITA LOCKWOOD CABINET SECRETARY

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

Meridian Oil Inc.
P. O. Box 51810
Midland, Texas 79710-1810

Attn:

Connie L. Malik

Regulatory Compliance Representative

RE: Farnsworth "B" Federal Well No. 1.

Application for an 80-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit to comprise the E/2 NE/4 of Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Undesignated Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool, Lea

County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Malik:

It would appear the circumstances in this matter is virtually identical in nature as to that of your Gregory "B" Well No. 2 (please refer to Mr. William J LeMay's letter dated February 15, 1993, see copy attached). Therefore, as you probably have already guessed, this matter can not be processed administratively. This matter will then be referred to Meridian's Case 10659, being the application for a non-standard 160-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 E/2 of said Section 7 to be dedicated to the Farnsworth "B" Federal Well No. 1, currently docketed for hearing.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter please contact me at (505) 827-5811

Sincerely

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad

W. Thomas Kellahin - Santa Fe

File: Case No. 10659

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#### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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BRUCE KING GOVERNOR ANITA LOCKWOOD

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February 15, 1993

POST OFFICE BOX 2086 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Meridian Oil Inc. P. O. Box 51810 Midland, Texas 79710-1810

Attn: Leslyn M. Swierc, CPL

Doyle Hartman - Oil Operator P. O. Box 10426 Midland, Texas 79702

Attn: Patrick K. Worrell, Engineer

RE: Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool Development in Sections 10 and 15, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Swierc and Mr. Worrell:

Meridian's recent application for a non-standard 120-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the NE/4 NE/4 and S/2 NE/4 of said Section 15 to be dedicated to the proposed Gregory "B" Well No. 2 to be drilled in Unit A and all related correspondence to same has forced the Division to review past, current, and future development of the Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool ("Rhodes Gas Pool") in both said Sections 10 and 15 quite extensively. Development in both sections are as follows:

- The 40-acre non-standard gas spacing unit comprising the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 10, approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1292, is dedicated to Meridian's Rhodes GSU Well No. 9 in Unit M;
- the standard 160-acre unit comprising the NW/4 of Section 10 is dedicated to Meridian's Rhodes GSU Well No. 16 in Unit E;

- the N/2 S/2 of Section 10, being a non-standard 160-acre unit approved by Division Administrative Orders NSP-1292 and NSP-1292-A has been developed by Meridian's Bates Well No. 1 (well P&A'd February, 1988) in Unit L and Hartman attempted to develop the same acreage with its C. T. Bates Well No. 2 (well was P&A'd in January, 1991 after encountering a severe waterflow during drilling) also in Unit L;
- the standard 160-acre unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 15 is simultaneously dedicated to Meridian's Cagle "B" Well No. 1 in Unit L and Rhodes GSU Well No. 24 in Unit N (simultaneous dedication occurred prior to the Division's July 27, 1988 Memorandum);
- the standard 160-acre unit comprising the SE/4 of Section 15 is simultaneously dedicated (pre-1988 authorization) to Meridian's Rhodes GSU Well Nos. 8 and 25 in Units J and O, respectively; and,
- the 120-acre non-standard gas spacing unit comprising the NW/4 NW/4 and S/2 NW/4 of Section 15, approved by Division Administrative Order NSP-1292, is simultaneously dedicated (pre-1988 authorization) to Meridian's Gregory "B" Well No. 1 in Unit F and Rhodes GSU Well No. 7 in Unit F.

The Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool is an unprorated gas pool spaced on standard statewide 160-acre units and is subject to the two Division Memorandums dated July 27, 1988 and August 3, 1990 (see attached), which disallows the simultaneous dedication in gas spacing units of more than one well in unprorated gas pools. It is the Division's opinion that said Memorandums reference to "proration units" equate to mean "standard gas proration units of standard size for the particular pool". The practice of operators forming non-standard spacing units in order to avoid the Division's simultaneous dedication policy is therefore prohibited. It should also be noted that forming non-standard spacing and proration units to avoid the compulsory pooling of acreage to form a standard sized unit, in most instances, is not considered just cause.

In this particular two section area, the undeveloped portions of the Rhodes Gas Pool consist of the NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15 and the NE/4, SE/4 SW/4, and S/2 SE/4 of Section 10. The NE/4 of Section 10 is a standard 160-acre unit and can therefore be developed without exception to the spacing rules, the remaining 320 acres comprising the SE/4 SW/4 and S/2 SE/4 of Section 10 and the NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15, however, will require a little ingenuity and jockeying of acreage to re-establish proper and prudent development of the Rhodes Gas Pool. The Division at this time will only consider authorization of the following:

- the formation of a 160-acre non-standard gas spacing unit comprising the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 10 and the NE/4 NE/4 and S/2 NE/4 of Section 15 to be dedicated to Meridian's proposed Gregory "B" Well No. 2 to be drilled at a standard gas well location 990 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 15; and,
- the remaining 160 acres, comprising the SE/4 SW/4 and SW/4 SE/4 of Section 10 and the NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 of Section 15, can be developed in the future by a single well to be drilled at a standard gas well location thereon.

Meridian's application for a non-standard 120-acre gas spacing and proration unit in the Rhodes Gas Pool comprising the NE/4 NE/4 and S/2 NE/4 of said Section 15 is therefore denied. Should Meridian choose to pursue this matter, an application for hearing must be filed with the Division requesting approval for the aforementioned 160-acre non-standard gas spacing and proration unit. Any such order from the Division will necessarily include a procedure of notification for the ensuing 160 acres to be authorized administratively.

Meridian will still be required to provide adequate notice pursuant to the provisions of General Rule 1207.A.(6).

Should you have any question or comments concerning this matter, please contact either Larry Van Ryan, Chief Engineer or Michael E. Stogner, Chief Hearing Officer in Santa Fe at (505) 827-5800.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMa

Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

Larry Van Ryan - Santa Fe Robert Stovall - Santa Fe Michael Stogner - Santa Fe

U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad

W. Thomas Kellahin - Santa Fe

File: NSP-1292



## ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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GARREY CARRUTHERS GOVERNOR

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

ALL OPERATORS

FROM:

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

RULE 104 C II OF THE GENERAL RULES AND

REGULATIONS

DATE:

**AUGUST 3, 1990** 

On July 27, 1988, we sent a memorandum to all operators to explain the Division's procedures for ensuring compliance with the above rule in handling applications for additional wells on existing proration units. The procedures are primarily applicable in unprorated gas pools.

The final paragraph of the July 27 memo reads as follows:

"Applications for additional wells on existing proration units will be approved only on the understanding that upon completion of the well the operator shall elect which well will be produced and which will be abandoned. Application to produce both wells will be approved only after notice and hearing and upon compelling evidence that the applicant's correlative rights will be impaired unless both wells are produced."

Additional explanation of the intent of the above paragraph is set out below:

Application to produce both wells continuously and concurrently will be approved only after notice and hearing and upon compelling evidence that the applicant's correlative rights will be impaired unless both wells are produced.

Requests to produce the wells alternately (one well shut-in while the other produces) may be submitted for administrative handling. The request should set out the length of the producing and shut-in cycles for each well (a one month minimum is suggested), the proposed method for ensuring compliance with the proposed producing and shut-in schedules. and the reasons for the request. Notice should be provided to offset operators in the usual manner, allowing a 20-day waiting period. The application should be sent to Santa Fe with a copy to the appropriate District office.



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#### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**ALL OPERATORS** 

FROM:

WILLIAM J. LEMAY, DIRECTOR ()

SUBJECT:

RULE 104 C II OF THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

DATE:

JULY 27, 1988

There has been some confusion about interpretation of the subject rule. In each paragraph of sections (a), (b) and (c) the rule states:

"Unless otherwise provided in special pool rules, each development well for a defined gas pool shall be located on a tract..."

My interpretation of this sentence is that each well is to be located on its own individual specified unit and an additional well is <u>not</u> authorized simply by meeting the set back requirements of the rule.

This interpretation is necessary to prevent waste from the drilling of unnecessary wells and to protect correlative rights of all parties in the pool. Since the prorated pools have special pool rules the subject rules have greater impact on unprorated gas. Unprorated does not mean unregulated. Allowables are not issued in unprorated pools and the only method available to protect correlative rights is the control of well density and locations. Added well density required because of special geological situations can be addressed by special pool rules after notice and hearing.

Applications for additional wells on existing proration units will be approved only on the understanding that upon completion of the well the operator shall elect which well will be produced and which will be abandoned. Application to produce both wells will be approved only after notice and hearing and upon compelling evidence that the applicant's correlative rights will be impaired unless both wells are produced.

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# OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Attn: Connie L. Malik

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## BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION FOR CREATION OF THE SCARBOROUGH YATES-SEVEN RIVERS POOL AND FOR SPECIAL POOL RULES, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE No. 3316 Order No. R-2999 NOMENCLATURE

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 6, 1965, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 23rd day of November, 1965, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That by Order No. R-2947, the Commission established a top unit allowable of 128 barrels of oil per day for wells completed in the Yates formation in Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That said allowable was established pending a more definite determination of the horizontal limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, and the Scarborough Pool in Winkler County, Texas.
- (4) That pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-2947, further studies have been conducted to define the horizontal limits of these pools.
- (5) That a new pool should be created in Lea County, New Mexico, and designated the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool;

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that said pool is a separate common source of supply in New Mexico and is a portion of the common source of supply designated the Scarborough Pool in Winkler County, Texas.

- (6) That special rules and regulations should be promulgated for the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- (7) That oil wells completed in the Scarborough Pool in Winkler County, Texas, receive a per-acre allowable greater than the per-acre allowable that would be assigned under the Commission's General Rules and Regulations to oil wells completed in the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.
- (8) That in order to prevent drainage and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, oil wells completed in the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, should be assigned a monthly allowable equal to the monthly peracre allowable assigned to oil wells in the Scarborough Pool in Winkler County, Texas.
- (9) That in order to afford to the owner of each property in the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, a limiting gas-oil ratio of 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil should be established and all wells with a gas-oil ratio in excess of 100,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil should be classified as gas wells.
- (10) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, 40-acre oil well spacing units and 640-acre gas well spacing units should be established in the subject pool.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That a new pool is hereby created and designated the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, with vertical limits extending from the top of the Yates formation to the base of the Seven

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Rivers formation, and horizontal limits comprising the following-described area:

#### LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM

Section 12: E/2

Section 13: E/2

Section 24: E/2

#### TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM

Section 7: W/2 and W/2 E/2

Section 18: W/2 and W/2 E/2

Section 19: NW/4, W/2 NE/4, and S/2

Section 29: W/2 and SE/4

Section 30: N/2 and SE/4

Partial Section 31: E/2 and E/2 W/2

Partial Section 32: All

Partial Section 33: W/2 and W/2 E/2

- (2) That the horizontal limits of the Jalmat Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, are hereby contracted to delete the above-described area.
- (3) That Special Rules and Regulations are hereby promulgated for the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool as follows:

# SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SCARBOROUGH YATES-SEVEN RIVERS POOL

- RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool or in the Yates or the Seven Rivers formations within one mile of the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated oil or gas pool comprising the Yates or the Seven Rivers formations, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.
- RULE 2. Each well completed as an oil well shall be located on a standard unit comprising 40 acres, more or less, consisting of a governmental quarter-quarter section.
- RULE 3. Each well completed as a gas well shall be located on a standard unit comprising 640 acres, more or less, consisting of a governmental section.

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- RULE 4. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 3 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit and the unorthodox size or shape of the unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Lands Survey, or the following facts exist and the following provisions are complied with:
  - (a) The non-standard unit consists of quarterquarter sections or lots that are contiguous by a common bordering side.
  - (b) The non-standard unit lies wholly within a governmental section and contains less acreage than a standard unit.
  - (c) The applicant presents written consent in the form of waivers from all offset operators and from all operators owning interests in the section in which the non-standard unit is situated and which acreage is not included in said non-standard unit.
  - (d) In lieu of paragraph (c) of this rule, the applicant may furnish proof of the fact that all of the aforesaid operators were notified by registered or certified mail of his intent to form such non-standard unit. The Secretary-Director may approve the application if no such operator has entered an objection to the formation of such non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.
- RULE 5. Each well completed as an oil well shall be located no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.
- RULE 6. Each well completed as a gas well shall be located no nearer than 1980 feet to the outer boundary of the section and no nearer than 330 feet to any governmental quarter-quarter section line.
- RULE 7. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 6 without notice and hearing when an

application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon. All operators offsetting the proposed location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all operators offsetting the proposed location or if no objection to the unorthodox location has been entered within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

- RULE 8. Each well with a gas-oil ratio in excess of 100,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil shall be classified as a gas well.
- RULE 9. The limiting gas-oil ratio for oil wells shall be 10,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil.
- RULE 10. The top allowable for oil wells shall be 128 barrels of oil per day.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- (1) That the locations of all wells presently drilling to or completed in the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool or in the Yates or the Seven Rivers formations within one mile of the Scarborough Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, and not nearer to or within the limits of another designated oil or gas pool comprising the Yates or Seven Rivers formations, are hereby approved; that the operator of any well having an unorthodox location shall notify the Commission's Hobbs District Office in writing of the name and location of the well on or before January 1, 1966.
  - (2) That Order No. R-2947 is hereby superseded.
- (3) That the effective date of this order shall be 7:00 o'clock A.M., December 1, 1965.
- (4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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## MERIDIAN OIL

THE SCHOOL OF THE SERVICES OF

February 5, 1993

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Atten: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

Re:

Application of two non-standard gas proration units: Farnsworth "B" Federal Lease, Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool, Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

File: Case No. 10659

Dear Mr. Stogner:

In response to your request, I have attached a plat showing the ownership of offsetting leases and a plat showing the existing production pools in the area. The outside boundaries of the pools have been marked based on the legal description from R. W. Byram & Co., October 1992. The necessity for the establishment of the two non-standard units is as follows:

- Meridian Oil Inc. plans to develop this acreage on eighty (80) acre units.
- Establishing two 80 acre gas proration units will eliminate crossing the quarter/quarter line and thus eliminate the need for a hearing.
- If a 160 acre unit in the NE/4 of Section 7 were established (with pooling) in this unprorated field, the next well drilled would require a hearing to approve simultaneous dedication.
- If a stand-up 160 acre unit in the E/4 of Section 7 were established a hearing would be required for approval as well as simultaneous dedication for the next well drilled.
- Meridian Oil recently drilled the C. W. Shepherd # 10 in Section 6, unit letter P, immediately to the north, and completed it as a gas well in the Rhodes Gas Pool.
- Our proposed location lies 660' from the existing boundary of the Rhodes Gas Pool and we anticipate the well to be a gas well.
- The adjacent Scarborough Field to the west is an oil pool.

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Please let me know if I may provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have. I appreciate your assistance with this request. I can be reached at 915/688-6898.

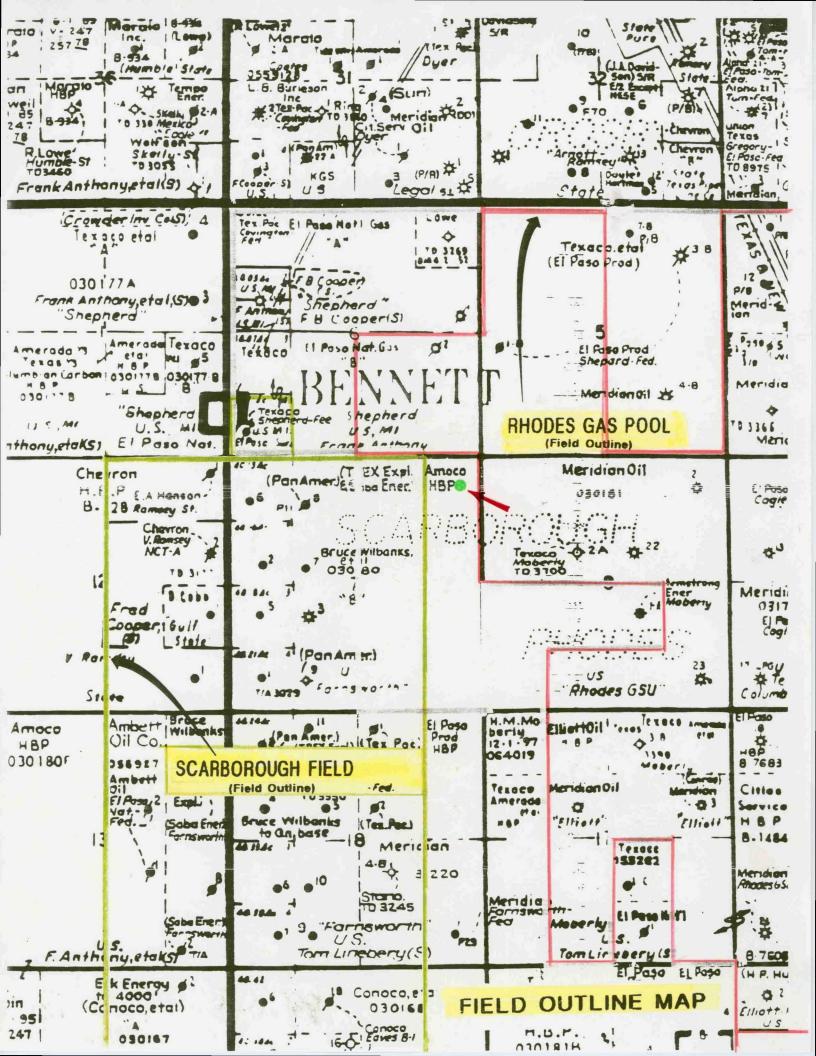
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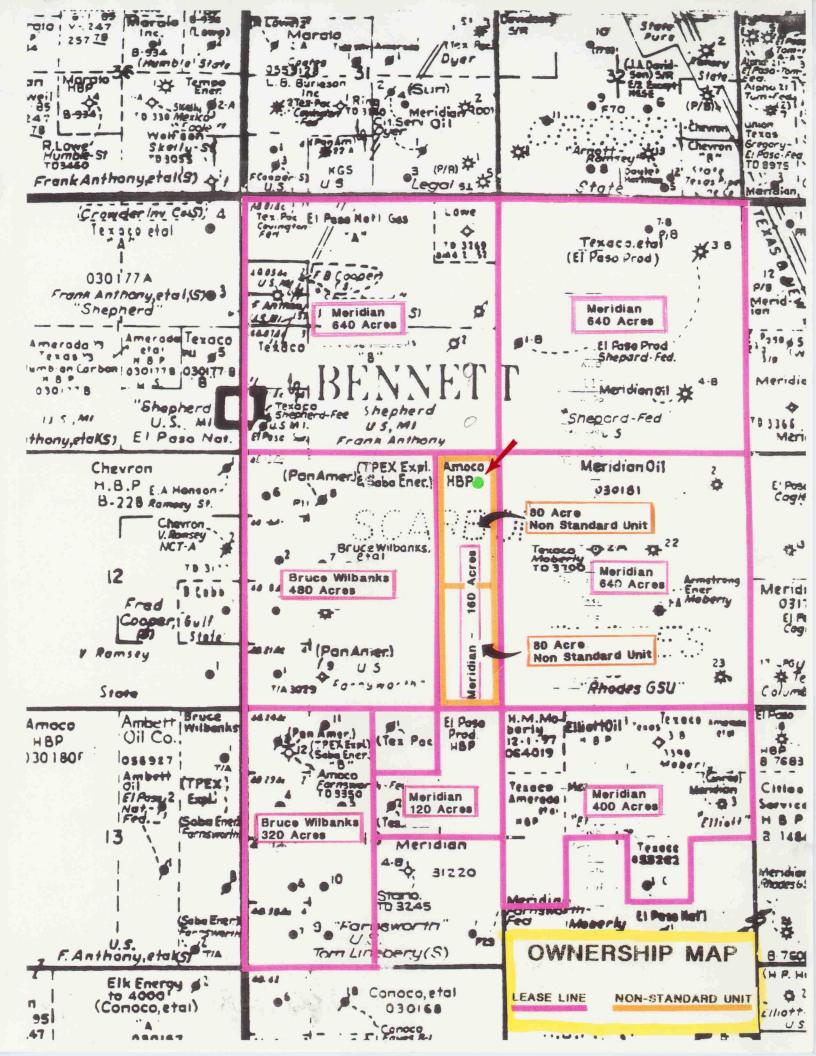
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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs

USBLM - Carlsbad Don McBee Tom O'Donnell Well File

Regulatory File





#### RED BLUFF-BONE SPRING POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6876, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-25-S, R-28-E NE/4 Sec. 27.

#### WILLOW LAKE-BONE SPRING POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6876, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7048, September 1, 1982; Order No. R-7322, August 1, 1983; Order No. R-9241, August 1, 1990.

T-24-S, R-28-E N/2 N/2 Sec. 32; N/2 NW/4, NE/4 Sec. 33; N/2 Sec. 34; Secs. 35, 36.

#### EAST MONUMENT-PADDOCK POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-19-S, R-37-E SE/4 Sec. 36.

#### RHODES YATES-SEVEN RIVERS GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6891, January 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7372, November 1, 1983; Order No. R-7554, July 1, 1984; Order No. R-7858, April 1, 1985; Order No. R-9585, October 1, 1991; Order No. R-9615, December 1, 1991; Order No. R-9646, April 1, 1992; Order No. R-9723, October 1, 1992.

T-26-S, R-37-E Sec. 4; W/2 Sec. 5; SE/4 Sec. 6; N/2, E/2 SE/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 8; Sec. 9; W/2 Sec. 10; W/2 Sec. 14; Secs. 15, 16; NE/4, E/2 W/2, E/2 SE/4 Sec. 17; N/2 & SE/4 NE/4 Sec. 21; N/2, N/2 & SE/4 SE/4, NE/2 SW/4 Sec. 22; S/2 Sec. 23.

#### ROSS DRAW-MORROW GAS POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-26-S, R-30-E Sec. 27.

#### SOWELL-MORROW POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6890, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-6967, May 1, 1982.

T-15-S, R-32-E SW/4 Sec. 2; NW/4 Sec. 11.

#### EAST BOOTLEG RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7307, July 1, 1983.

T-22-S, R-33-E Sec. 15.

#### EAST CUSTER-DEVONIAN GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6914, February 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7222, March 1, 1983; Order No. R-7279, June 1, 1983.

T-25-S, R-37-E NE/4, W/2 Sec. 6; NW/4, S/2 Sec. 7.

#### SOUTH HUMBLE CITY-STRAWN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6913, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7372, November 1, 1983; Order No. R-8193, April 1, 1986; Order No. R-8256, July 1, 1986; Order No. R-8299, October 1, 1986; Order No. R-9194, June 1, 1990.

T-17-S, R-37-E SE/4 Sec. 12; W/2, NE/4 Sec. 13; E/2, NW/4 Sec. 14.

#### NORTH KING-DEVONIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7858, April 1, 1985.

T-13-S, R-37-E N/2 Sec. 3.

#### NORTH LOVING-ATOKA GAS POOL Eddy County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7009, July 1, 1982; Order No. R-7279, June 1, 1983; Order No. R-7502, May 1, 1984; Order No.R-9171, June 1, 1990.

T-23-S, R-27-E Sec. 12; E/2 Sec. 13; E/2 Sec. 24. T-23-S, R-28-E Secs. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18; E/2 Sec. 19; Sec. 21; E/2 Sec. 30.

#### TEAGUE-DRINKARD POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-6912, March 1, 1982, Establishing Pool.

T-23-S, R-37-E NE/4 Sec. 17.

#### EAST HIGHTOWER-UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2985, November 1,1965, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3043, March 1, 1966; Order No. R-3355, January 1, 1968; Order No. R-3895, January 1, 1970; Order No. R-6810, November 1, 1981; Order No. R-7437, March 1, 1984; Order No. R-8041, October 1, 1985.

T-12-S, R-33-E S/2 Sec. 25; NE/4 Sec. 36. T-12-S, R-34-E SE/4 Sec. 19; S/2, NW/4 Sec. 29; NE/4, S/2 Sec. 30; N/2 Sec. 31.

#### QUERECHO PLAINS-DELAWARE POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-1372, April 21, 1959, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-9345, November 1, 1990; Order No. R-9646, April 1, 1992; Order No. R-9723, October 1, 1992.

T-18-S, R-32-E SW/4 Sec. 24; W/2 Sec. 25; S/2, NE/4 Sec. 26.

#### DENTON-MISSISSIPPIAN POOL (Abandoned) Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-27, July 28, 1950, Establishing Pool.

T-15-S, R-37-E Secs. 11, 12, 13, 14.

#### GRAMA RIDGE-MORROW GAS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3006, December 3, 1965, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3080, July 1, 1966; Order No. R-3152, December 1, 1966; Order No. R-3195, March 1, 1967; Order No. R-5729, June 1, 1978; Order No. R-5987, May 1, 1979; Order No. R-5995, May 2, 1979; Order No. R-8981, September 1, 1989; Order No. R-9120, March 1, 1990; Order No. R-9345, November 1, 1990.

T-21-S, R-34-E E/2 Sec. 33; W/2 Sec. 34. T-22-S, R-34-E W/2 Sec. 3; Secs. 4, 9; W/2 Sec. 10; N/2 Sec. 16.

#### WEST BRONCO-DEVONIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2998, December 1, 1965, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3402, May 1, 1968.

T-13-S, R-38-E SW/4 Sec. 6. T-15-S, R-38-E NW/4 Sec. 6.

#### CAPROCK-WOLFCAMP POOL Lea County, New Mexico

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Order No. R-3014, January 1, 1966, Establishing Pool.

T-12-S, R-32-E NW/4 Sec. 31.

#### YOUNG-BONE SPRING POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3021-A, February 1, 1966, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-7858, April 1, 1985; Order No. R-8772, November 1, 1988.

T-18-S, R-32-E SW/4 Sec. 15; S/2 Sec. 16; E/2 Sec. 21; NW/4 Sec. 22.

#### DENTON POOL (DEVONIAN) Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. 850, January 1, 1950, Redefining Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-74-A, June 29, 1951; Order No. R-157, October 20, 1952; Order No. R-569, January 13, 1955; Order No. R-641, June 13, 1955.

T-14-S, R-37-E SE/4 Sec. 23; Secs. 25, 26; E/2 Sec. 27; Secs. 34, 35, 36.
T-15-S, R-37-E Secs. 1, 2, 3, 10 through 15; N/2 Sec. 22; N/2 Sec. 23; N/2 Sec. 24.

#### SOUTH DENTON-DEVONIAN POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-745, February 20, 1956, Establishing Pool.

T-15-S, R-37-E SE/4 Sec. 35; SW/4 Sec. 36. T-16-S, R-38-E Lots 3 through 6 Sec. 4; Lots 1, 2, 7, 8 Sec. 5.

#### SCARBOROUGH YATES-SEVEN RIVERS POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2999, December 1, 1965, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-3056, May 1, 1966; Order No. R-3182, February 1, 1967; Order No. R-3562, December 1, 1968; Order No. R-3843, October 1, 1969; Order No. R-4106, March 1, 1971; Order No. R-6891, January 1, 1982; Order No. R-7131, December 1, 1982; Order No. R-7437, March 1, 1984.

T-26-S, R-36-E E/2 Sec. 12; E/2 Sec. 13; E/2 Sec. 24; E/2 Sec. 25; NE/4 Sec. 36.

T-26-S, R-37-E SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 6; W/2, W/2 E/2 Sec. 7; W/2, SE/4, W/2 NE/4 Sec. 18; NW/4, W/2 NE/4, S/2 Sec. 19; Secs. 29 through 33.

#### YOUNG-WOLFCAMP POOL Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3021, January 1, 1966, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-9144, May 1, 1990; Order No. R-9447, March 1, 1991.

T-18-S, R-32-E SE/4 Sec. 9; W/2 Sec. 10; SW/4 Sec. 15; E/2 Sec. 16; E/2 Sec. 21.

#### WHITE RANCH-MISSISSIPPIAN GAS POOL Chaves County, New Mexico

Order No. R-3030, February 1, 1966, Establishing Pool, as Amended by Order No. R-5754, July 1, 1978; Order No. R-6328, May 1, 1980.

T-11-S, R-29-E N/2 Sec. 33; Sec. 34.



### ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



BRUCE KING GOVERNOR

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January 28, 1993

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Meridian Oil, Inc. P.O. Box 51810 Midland, TX 79710-1810

Attention: Maria L. Perez

Application of two non-standard oil proration units: RE: Farnsworth "B" Federal Lease, Rhodes Yates-Seven Rivers Gas Pool, Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Perez:

In order to process the subject application, we require the following information to be submitted:

- a plat clearly showing the ownership of offsetting leases;
- a detailed statement explaining the necessity for the establishment of the two non-standard units. HINT: you may want to refer to existing production units and pools in the same Section. Please supply plats of the existing pools in the area that might be affected or may be the cause of such action. If there should be another pool in the immediate area, show evidence or give an explanation why these units should be placed in the Rhodes Pool.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

MES/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs William J. LeMay - OCD, Santa Fe W. Thomas Kellahin - Santa Fe

File: Case No. 10659

W. Perry Pearce - Santa Fe

Larry Van Ryan - OCD, Santa Fe Larry Aimes - Meridian, Houston

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January 22, 1993

State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Attn: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

RE: ENCLOSED SIGNED CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

FROM OFFSET OPERATOR AS PROOF OF NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR TWO 80 ACRE NON-STANDARD

**GAS PRORATION UNITS** 

FARNSWORTH "B" FEDERAL LEASE

**RHODES YATES - SEVEN RIVERS GAS POOL** 

SEC. 7, T26S, R37E LEA COUNTY, NM

LC-056927-B

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Attached is proof of notification to offset operator as captioned above. Please let us know as soon as administrative aproval is obtained.

Sincerely,

Maria L. Perez

**Production Assistant** 

Marie J. Fire

915-688-6906

MLP:aem

XC:

Well File

Reser. Engr.

Prod. Engr.

Land Dept. (2)

OCD - Hobbs

Prod. Serv.

1. Connie Malik

SENDER:  Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.  Complete items 3, and 4a & b.  Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so the return this card to you.  Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back is does not permit.  Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the artist.  The Return Receipt Fee will provide you the signature of the persist.	f space  1.	
To and the date of delivery.  3 Article Addressed to: Richard P. Reeve, Oil & Gas Prop Bruce A. Wilbanks Company P.O. Box 9938 Midland, TX 79708	Consult postmaster for fee.	
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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JASON KELLAHIN (RETIRED 1991)

January 19, 1993

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2265

VIA FACSIMILE

(505) 827-5741

William J. LeMay Director Oil Conservation Division 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 219 Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Application of Meridian Oil for a non-standard gas proration unit. Lea County, New Mexico NMOCD Case No. 10659

Dear Mr. LeMay:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc. we respectfully request that the above-referenced case currently set on the January 21, 1993 Examiner's Docket, be continued to the February 18, 1993 Docket.

If you have questions with regard to this matter, please call.

Very

W. Thomas Kellahin

WTK/jcl

xc: Tom O'Donnell

Meridian Oil Inc.

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January 15, 1993

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Attn: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

RE: APPLICATION FOR TWO 80 ACRE NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNITS FARNSWORTH "B" FEDERAL LEASE RHODES YATES - SEVEN RIVERS GAS POOL SEC. 7, T26S, R37E LEA COUNTY, NM LC-056927-B

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Per your telephone conversation yesterday with Connie Malik of Meridian Oil Inc., we are rescinding our original application for a 160 acre non-standard gas proration unit and request that the hearing set for January 21, 1993 for the 160 acre non-standard unit be canceled.

We wish to replace our previous application with a request for administrative approval to form two 80 acre non-standard gas proration units.

The first 80 acre non-standard gas proration unit will consist of the E/2 of the NE/4 of Section 7, T26S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico for the purpose of drilling the Farnsworth "B" Federal No. 1. The proposed location is A, 990' FNL and 660' FEL.

The second 80 acre non-standard gas proration unit will consist of the E/2 of the SE/4 of Section 7, T26S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico for the purpose of a second undisclosed location that will be a follow-up to the Farnsworth "B" Federal No. 1. The location for well No. 2 will be picked at a later date.

The offset operator has been notified by registered return receipt mail at the attached address this same date.

## Page 2 -- Farnsworth "B" Federal Lease

Should you require additional information, please call me at 915-688-6906.

Sincerely

Marie L. Perez Maria L. Perez

**Production Assistant** 

MLP:aem

XC: Richard P. Reeve Oil & Gas Properties

Bruce A. Wilbanks Company

Well File

Don McBee

Drilling Dept.

Land Dept. (2)

Joint Interest

Reservoir Engineer

Production Engineer

Geologist

Kermit Field Office

OCD - Hobbs

**Production Services** 

- 1. Connie Malik
- 2. Donna Williams
- 3. Maria Perez

## Offset Operator

Richard P. Reeve, Oil & Gas Properties Bruce A. Wilbanks Compnay P.O. Box 9938 Midland, TX 79708 Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 copies Fee Lease - 3 copies

DISTRICT III

## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised 1-1-89

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

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1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Artec, NM 87410

#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

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## MERIDIAN OIL

January 14, 1993

Richard P. Reeve, Oil & Gas Properties Bruce A. Wilbanks Company P.O. Box 9938 Midland, TX 79708

RE: OFFSET OPERATOR NOTIFICATION TO
CANCEL HEARING SET FOR JANUARY 21, 1993 FOR
A 160 ACRE NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT
NOTIFICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL
FOR TWO 80 ACRE NON-STANDARD
GAS PRORATION UNITS
FARNSWORTH "B" FEDERAL LEASE
UNDESIGNATED RHODES YATES-SEVEN RIVERS GAS
SEC. 7, T26S, R37E
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
LC-056927-B

#### Gentlemen:

Meridian is canceling a hearing which was set for January 21, 1993 for a request previously made to the Oil Conservation Division for a 160 acre non-standard gas proration unit for the Farnsworth "B" Federal No. 1 proposed location.

Meridian is now requesting administrative approval from the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico to form two 80 acre non-standard gas proration units.

The first 80 acre non-standard gas proration unit will consist of the E/2 of the NE/4 of Section 7, T26S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico for the purpose of drilling the Farnsworth "B" Federal No. 1. Proposed location is A, 990' FNL and 660' FEL.

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A plat is attached showing both 80 acre drilling tracts.

## Page 2 -- Farnsworth "B" Federal Lease

Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Connie Malik, Regulatory Compliance Representative at 915-688-6898.

Monu L. Perz

Maria L. Perez Production Assistant

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December 31, 1992

BRUCE A WILBANKS CO., OPERATOR P.O. Box 9938 Midland, Texas 79708

RE:

NOTICE OF HEARING

FARNSWORTH "B" FEDERAL NO. 1 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Sir:

The OCD is unable to process the subject application administratively under General Rule 104.D(2) and that the only means to authorize the request for Non-Standard 160 acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the E/2 E/2 Section 7, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Undesignated Rhodes Yates Seven Rivers Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, is through the Notice and Hearing procedure as provided in General Rule 1207.

Please be advised that a hearing has been scheduled for January 21, 1993 on the above captioned well.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 915-688-6943.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Williams

Production Assistant

Oil Conservation Division - Sante Fe

Well File Tom O'Donnell

Don McBee

Regulatory File