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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Re: Application of Meridian Oil, Inc.
for Compulsory Pooling
Well Name: Pierce #250
San Juan County, New Mexico

Case 9596

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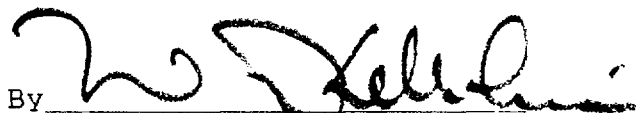
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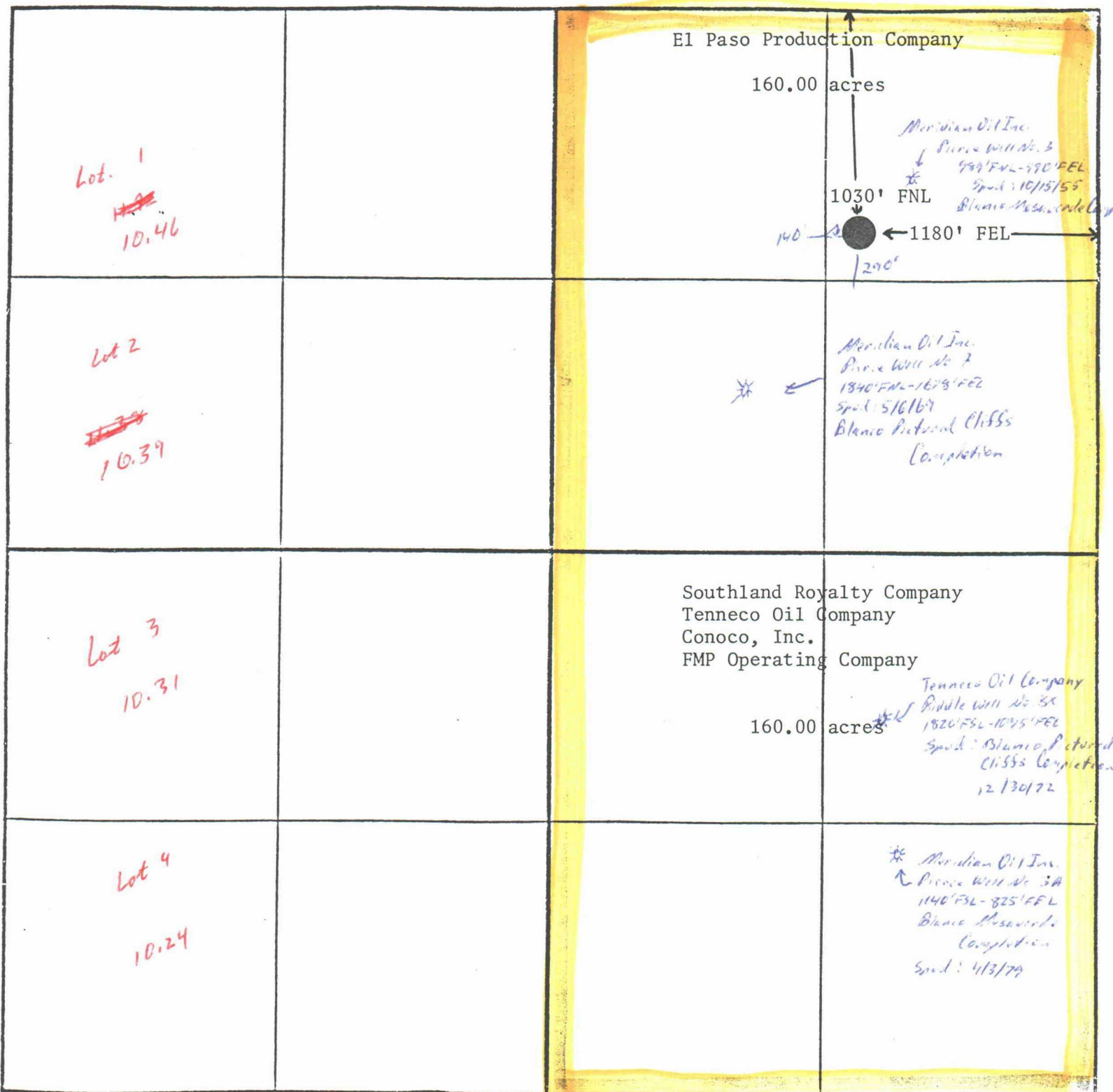
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E/2 is a standard
320 acre (1/2) Sect.

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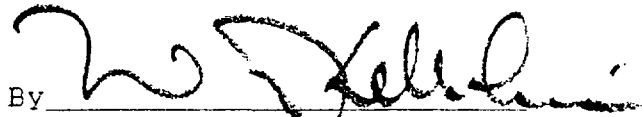
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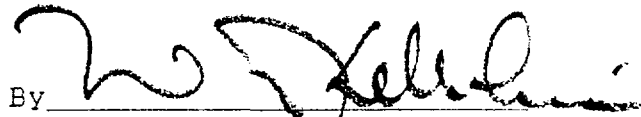
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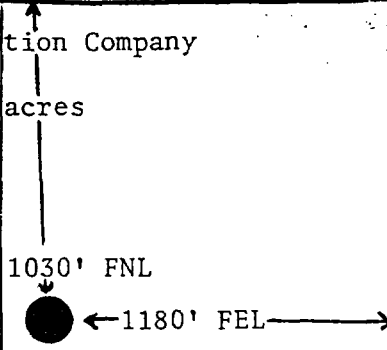
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Form 3160-3
(November 1983)
(formerly 9-331C)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE*
(Other instructions on
reverse side)

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 1004-0136
Expires August 31, 1985

30-045-27018

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK DRILL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PLUG BACK <input type="checkbox"/>		3. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO. SE-078129	
b. TYPE OF WELL OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>		6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME	
2. NAME OF OPERATOR Meridian Oil Inc.		7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME	
3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR PO Box 4289, Farmington, NM 87499		8. FARM OR LEASE NAME Pierce	
4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements) At surface 1030' N, 1180' E At proposed prod. zone		WELL NO. 250	
14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE* 17 miles from Aztec, NM		FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT Undes. Fruitland Coal	
15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drilg. unit line, if any) 1030'		11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLK. AND SURVEY OR AREA Sec. 7, T-30-N, R- 9-W NMPM	
16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE 740.85		12. COUNTY OR PARISH San Juan	
17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL 160.00		13. STATE NM	
18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT. 200'		20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS Rotary	
19. PROPOSED DEPTH 3090'		22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START*	

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) 6063' GL 6372'				23. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START*	
23. SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ATTACHED PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM "GENERAL REQUIREMENTS"				This section is subject to technical and procedural review pursuant to 43 CFR 3105.3 and appeal pursuant to 43 CFR 3105.4.	
SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT	
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	32.3#	200'	130 cf. circulated	
8 3/4"	7"	20.0#	2944'	930 cf circ. surface	
6 1/4"	5 1/2" liner	23.0#	3090'	do not cement	

The Fruitland coal formation will be completed.

A 3000 psi WP and 6000 psi test double gate preventer equipped with blind and pipe rams will be used for blow out prevention on this well.

This gas is dedicated.

The NE/4 of Section 7 is dedicated to this well.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24. SIGNED [Signature] TITLE Regulatory Affairs DATE 07-22-88
(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____
"Approval of this action does not warrant that the applicant holds legal or equitable rights or title to this lease."
APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____
NMOCC
*See Instructions On Reverse Side
APPROVED
AS AMENDED
AUG 19 1988
AREA MANAGER

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

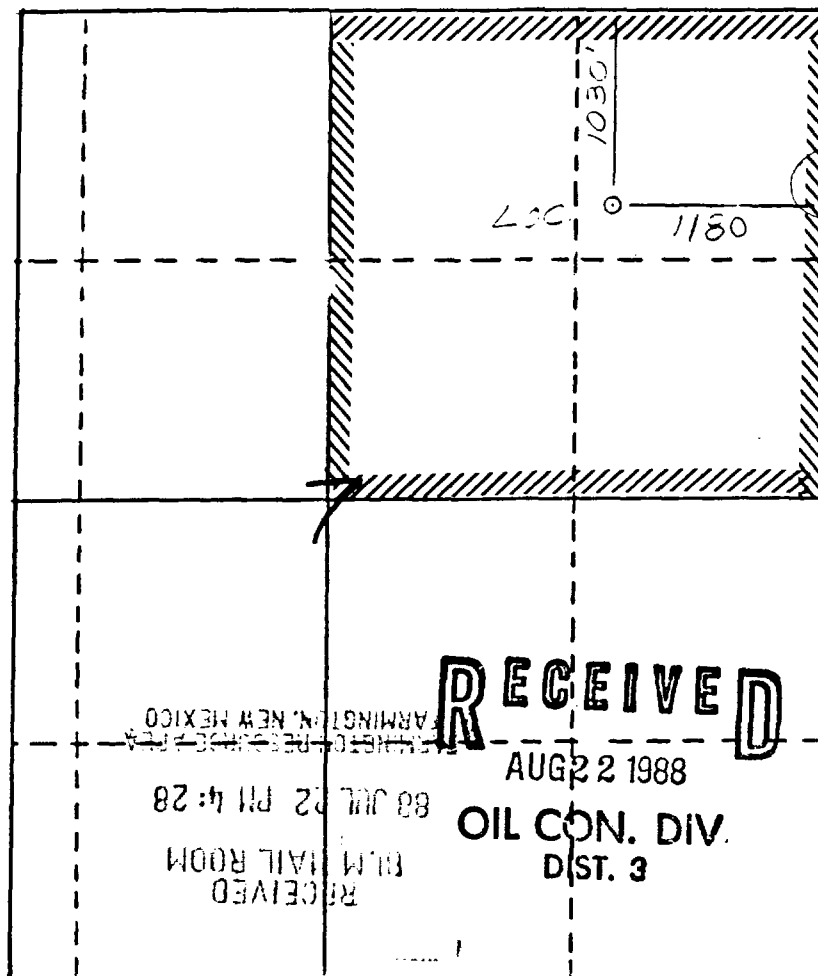
Meridian Oil Inc.			Lease Pierce (SF-078129)		Well No. 250
Section A	Section 7	Township 30 North	Range 9 West	County San Juan	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1030 feet from the North line and 1180 feet from the East line					
Ground Level Elev. 6372'	Producing Formation Fruitland Coal	Pool Undesignated		Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Division.



CERTIFICATION

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

Neale C. Edwards
Name
Drilling Clerk

Position
Meridian Oil Inc.

Company
7-22-88

Date
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I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat is correct from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Neale C. Edwards
Date Surveyed
6-14-88

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Neale C. Edwards

Certificate No.
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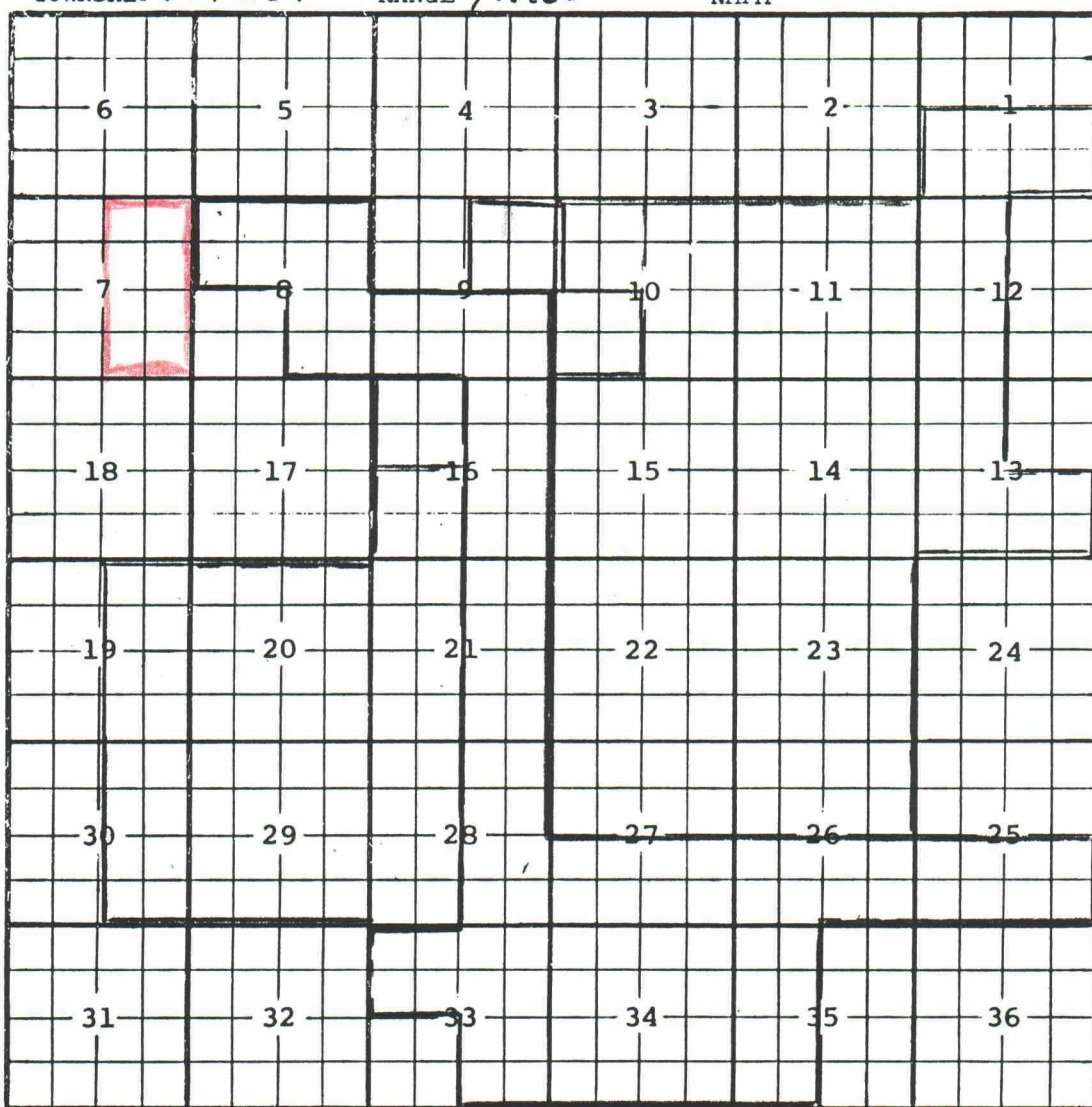
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Description: $\frac{N}{2} \& \frac{SE}{4}$ Sec. 8; $\frac{S}{2}$ Sec. 9; $\frac{E}{2}$ Sec. 16; $\frac{E}{2}$ Sec. 21; $\frac{S}{2}$ Sec. 25; $\frac{S}{2}$ Sec. 26;
 $\frac{S}{2}$ Sec. 27; $\frac{E}{2}$ Sec. 28; $\frac{N}{2} \& \frac{SE}{4}$ Sec. 33; All Sec. 34; $\frac{W}{2}$ Sec. 35 (R-4311, 6-1-72)

Ext: $\frac{SW}{4}$ Sec. 10, $\frac{NW}{4}$ Sec. 16 (R-6327, 5-1-80)

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 All Sec. 29, $\frac{E}{2}$ Sec. 30 (R-8180, 3-14-86) EXT: $\frac{NE}{4}$ SEC 9 (R-8713, 8/12/88)
 REDESIGNATED (R-8709, 10/17/88)

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Re: CASE NO. 9596
ORDER NO. R-8880

Applicant:

Meridian Oil, Inc.

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

Florene Davidson

FLORENE DAVIDSON
OC Staff Specialist

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCD	<u>X</u>
Artesia OCD	<u>X</u>
Aztec OCD	<u>X</u>

Other Mr. William F. Carr

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
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CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 9596
Order No. R-8880

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ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 1, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 22nd day of February, 1989, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) Division Case Nos. 9593, 9594, 9595, 9596, 9598, and 9599 were consolidated at the time of the hearing for the purpose of testimony.

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(3) The applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc. (Meridian), seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to its Pierce Well No. 250 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location 1030 feet from the North line and 1180 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 7.

(4) Amoco Production Company (Amoco), an interest owner in the proposed proration unit who has not agreed to pool its interest, appeared at the hearing in opposition to the applicant's proposed 200 percent risk penalty.

(5) The applicant has the right to drill and proposes to drill a well at a standard coal gas well location as described above.

(6) To avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, to protect correlative rights, to avoid waste, and to afford to the owner of each interest in said unit the opportunity to recover or receive without unnecessary expense his just and fair share of the production in any pool completion resulting from this order, the subject application should be approved by pooling all mineral interests, whatever they may be, within said unit.

(7) The applicant should be designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

(8) Any non-consenting working interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production.

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(9) The applicant has proposed a 200 percent risk penalty be assessed against those interest owners subject to the force-pooling provisions of this order, and in support thereof presented evidence and testimony at the hearing.

(10) At the request of Amoco, Administrative Notice was taken of 13 compulsory pooling cases in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool brought before and heard by the Division upon the application of Meridian Oil, Inc. on November 21, 1988 and January 15, 1989 (of which Division Orders have subsequently been issued).

(11) The records in these cases indicate that, based upon the evidence and testimony presented, Meridian was granted a risk penalty of 156 percent.

(12) The records further indicate that in each of these previously heard cases, Meridian also requested a 200 percent risk penalty, but that the risk penalty awarded was reduced due to the fact that the presence of coal at each of the wellsites was not deemed by the Division to be in question, and therefore should not be taken into consideration in determining risk.

(13) Meridian, in the immediate cases, has proposed that the risk penalty be based upon geologic, reservoir, economic, and operational parameters and has further testified that the major consideration in determining risk should not be the presence of coal but the characteristics of the coal encountered which in turn has a direct bearing on the producing capability of the wells.

(14) The applicant, which has drilled approximately 200 coal gas wells in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool to date, provided no evidence or testimony which would indicate that any of its wells have been plugged and abandoned due to non-productivity.

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(15) The applicant further provided no evidence or testimony which would indicate that any of the wells drilled to date have been plugged and abandoned due to problems encountered while drilling or completing these wells.

(16) The applicant has included certain factors such as market demand, water disposal, gathering facilities and equipment, etc. under its economic and operations risk parameters which do not have a bearing on the producing capability of any given well and should therefore not be considered in assessing risk.

(17) Based upon the evidence and testimony presented in the immediate cases and consideration of the record in the previously heard compulsory pooling cases described in Finding No. (10) above, a risk penalty of 156 percent is fair and reasonable and should be adopted in this case.

(18) Any non-consenting working interest owner who does not pay his share of estimated well costs should have withheld from production his share of the reasonable well costs plus an additional 156 percent thereof as a reasonable charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well.

(19) Any non-consenting interest owner should be afforded the opportunity to object to the actual well costs but actual well costs should be adopted as the reasonable well costs in the absence of such objection.

(20) Following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated costs should pay to the operator any amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and should receive from the operator any amount that paid estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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(21) \$3500.00 per month while drilling and \$350.00 per month while producing should be fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator should be authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating the subject well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

(22) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason should be placed in escrow to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership.

(23) Upon the failure of the operator of said pooled unit to commence the drilling of the well to which said unit is dedicated on or before June 1, 1989, the order pooling said unit should become null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

(24) Should all the parties to this forced pooling reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.

(25) The operator of the well and unit shall notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the forced pooling provisions of this order.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) All mineral interests, whatever they may be, in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool underlying the E/2 of Section 7, Township 30 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, are hereby pooled forming a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said pool, to be dedicated to the Pierce Well No. 250 to be drilled at a standard coal gas well location 1030 feet from the North line and 1180 feet from the East line (Unit A) of said Section 7.

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the operator of said unit shall commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of June, 1989, and shall thereafter continue the drilling of said well with due diligence to a depth sufficient to test the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, in the event said operator does not commence the drilling of said well on or before the 1st day of June, 1989, Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, unless said operator obtains a time extension from the Division for good cause shown.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, should said well not be drilled to completion, or abandonment, within 120 days after commencement thereof, said operator shall appear before the Division Director and show cause why Ordering Paragraph No. (1) of this order should not be rescinded.

(2) Meridian Oil, Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the subject well and unit.

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(3) After the effective date of this order and within 90 days prior to commencing said well, the operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner in the subject unit an itemized schedule of estimated well costs.

(4) Within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, any non-consenting working interest owner shall have the right to pay his share of estimated well costs to the operator in lieu of paying his share of reasonable well costs out of production, and any such owner who pays his share of estimated well costs as provided above shall remain liable for operating costs but shall not be liable for risk charges.

(5) The operator shall furnish the Division and each known working interest owner an itemized schedule of actual well costs within 90 days following completion of the well; if no objection to the actual well costs is received by the Division and the Division has not objected within 45 days following receipt of said schedule, the actual well costs shall be the reasonable well costs; provided however, if there is objection to actual well costs within said 45-day period the Division will determine reasonable well costs after public notice and hearing.

(6) Within 60 days following determination of reasonable well costs, any non-consenting working interest owner who has paid his share of estimated well costs in advance as provided above shall pay to the operator his pro rata share of the amount that reasonable well costs exceed estimated well costs and shall receive from the operator his pro rata share of the amount that estimated well costs exceed reasonable well costs.

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(7) The operator is hereby authorized to withhold the following costs and charges from production:

(A) The pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him, and

(B) As a charge for the risk involved in the drilling of the well, 156 percent of the pro rata share of reasonable well costs attributable to each non-consenting working interest owner who has not paid his share of estimated well costs within 30 days from the date the schedule of estimated well costs is furnished to him.

(8) The operator shall distribute said costs and charges withheld from production to the parties who advanced the well costs.

(9) \$3500.00 per month while drilling and \$350.00 per month while producing are hereby fixed as reasonable charges for supervision (combined fixed rates); the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of such supervision charges attributable to each non-consenting working interest, and in addition thereto, the operator is hereby authorized to withhold from production the proportionate share of actual expenditures required for operating such well, not in excess of what are reasonable, attributable to each non-consenting working interest.

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(10) Any unleased mineral interest shall be considered a seven-eighths ($7/8$) working interest and a one-eighth ($1/8$) royalty interest for the purpose of allocating costs and charges under the terms of this order.

(11) Any well costs or charges which are to be paid out of production shall be withheld only from the working interest's share of production, and no costs or charges shall be withheld from production attributable to royalty interests.

(12) All proceeds from production from the subject well which are not disbursed for any reason shall immediately be placed in escrow in San Juan County, New Mexico, to be paid to the true owner thereof upon demand and proof of ownership; the operator shall notify the Division of the name and address of said escrow agent within 30 days from the date of first deposit with said escrow agent.

(13) Should all parties to this forced pooling order reach voluntary agreement subsequent to entry of this order, this order shall thereafter be of no further effect.

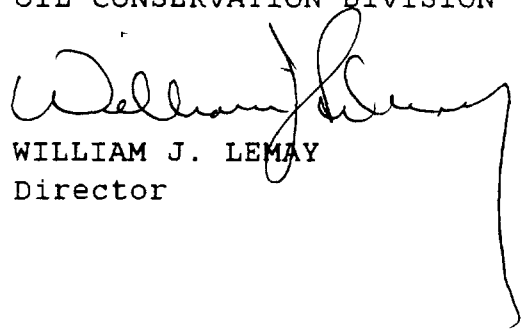
(14) The operator of the well and unit shall notify the Director of the Division in writing of the subsequent voluntary agreement of all parties subject to the forced pooling provisions of this order.

(15) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division 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 DIVISION



WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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