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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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Mr. Thomas Kellahin Re: CASE NO. Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 2265 Santa Fe, New Mexico

9730 ORDER NO. R-8993

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 Clavidson

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Re: Proposed MC_____ Proposed DHC_____ Proposed NSL_____ Proposed SWD_____ Proposed WFX_____ Proposed PMX_____

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Yours truly,

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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. 9730 Order No. R-Scr-5 8124.89

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR A NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNIT, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

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BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 23, 1989, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this _____ day of August, 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. 9730, 9731 and 9732 were consolidated at the time of the hearing for the purpose of testimony.

The applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc., seeks approval (3) of a non-standard 308.75-acre, more or less, gas spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 3 and 4_{s} and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 8 and Lots 1 through 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2NE/4 of Section 7, both in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico. Said unit to be dedicated to the applicant's Allison Unit Well No. 133 located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 2490 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 7.

(4) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit is necessitated by a variation in the legal subdivision of the United States Public Lands Survey.

(5) The entire non-standard gas proration unit may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the entire non-standard gas proration unit can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by the aforesaid well.

(6) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit has previously been established by the Division by Order No. R-2046, dated August 14, 1961, for use in developing gas reserves in the Basin-Dakota Gas Pool, and has proven to be effective in promoting orderly development in this area.

(7) The proposed non-standard gas proration unit lies entirely within the applicant's Allison Unit Area, and there are no offset operators to the proposed non-standard unit.

(8) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the gas in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) A 308.75-acre, more or less, non-standard gas spacing and proration unit in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool comprising Lots 3 and 4, and the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 8 and Lots 1 through 5, the SE/4 NW/4, and the S/2 NE/4 of Section 7, both in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, NMPM, (/964 Survey) San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby established and dedicated to Meridian Oil, Inc.'s Allison Unit Well No. 133 located at a standard coal gas well location 790 feet from the North line and 2490 feet from the East line (Unit G) of said Section 7.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J. LEMAY