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Mr. William J. LeMay  
Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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Re: Meridian Oil Inc., on behalf of  
El Paso Natural Gas Company,  
for Unorthodox Location, San  
Juan 30-6 Unit Well No. 482,  
Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool,  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

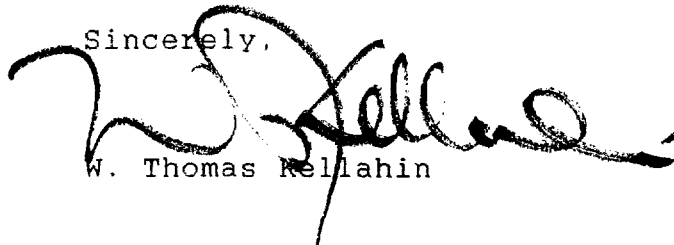
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Case 9813

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of  
Meridian Oil Inc.'s application on behalf of El Paso Natural  
Gas Company, for approval of an unorthodox location in the  
Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New  
Mexico. Please set this application for hearing on the ex-  
aminer docket on November 15, 1989.

Sincerely,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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Encl.

xc: Mr. Alan Alexander  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF MERIDIAN OIL INC. ON BEHALF  
OF EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX  
LOCATION, BASIN FRUITLAND COAL  
GAS POOL, RIO ARriba COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO

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#### A P P L I C A T I O N

COMES NOW Meridian Oil Inc., on behalf of El Paso Natural Gas Company, by and through its attorneys, KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY, and applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for approval of an unorthodox Basin Fruitland Coal gas well location for its San Juan 30-6 Unit No. 482 Well, 835 feet FSL and 2440 feet FWL (SE/4 SW/4) of Section 31, T30N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

1. El Paso Natural Gas Company is the operator of the above-described proration and spacing unit and of the San Juan 30-6 Unit.

2. Applicant proposes to form a standard proration and spacing unit consisting of the W/2 of Section 31, in accordance with the rules governing the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool.

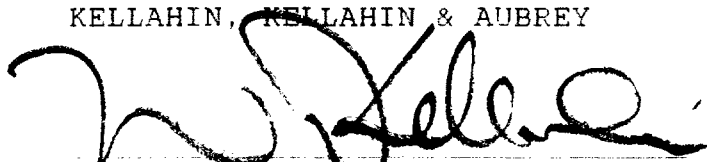
3. Due to archaeological considerations, Applicant proposes to drill its San Juan 30-6 Unit No. 482 Well at an unorthodox gas well location 835 feet FSL and 2440 feet FWL (SE/4 SW/4) of Section 31, T30N, R6W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

4. Attached as Exhibit A is a plat showing the described acreage and the proposed well location.

5. The subject well is unorthodox only to the east boundary of the spacing unit and only encroaches towards another spacing unit within the same San Juan 30-6 Unit. Therefore, no notices are required to any offsetting operator.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that after notice and hearing, the application be granted.

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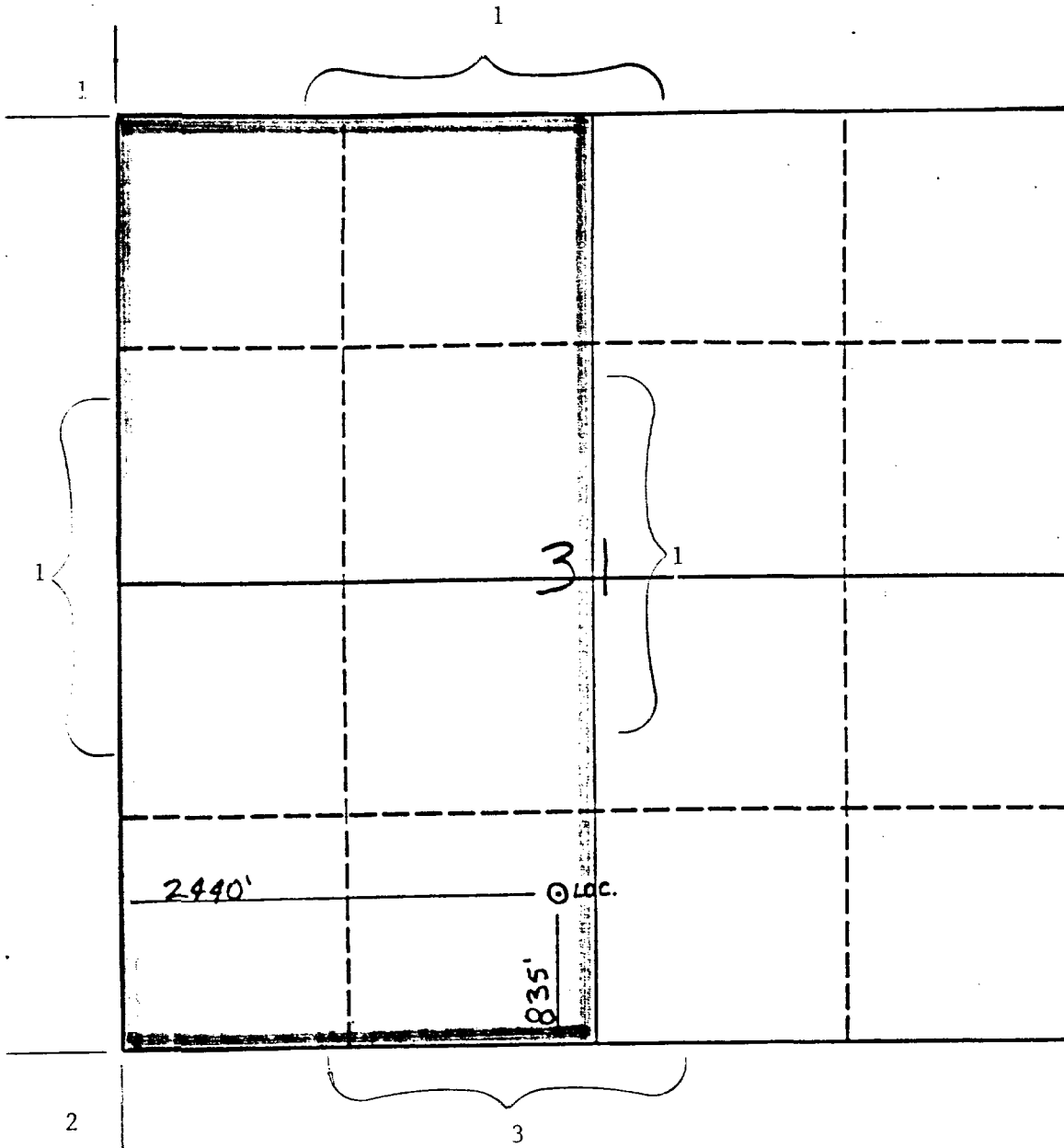
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Well Name San Juan 30-6 Unit #482

Footage 835' FSL; 2440' FWL

APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD LOCATION

County Rio Arriba State New Mexico Section 31 Township 30N Range 6W



Remarks 1) San Juan 30-6 Unit - El Paso Natural Gas - Operator  
2) San Juan 29-7 Unit - El Paso Natural Gas - Operator  
3) San Juan 29-6 Unit - Northwest Pipeline Corp. - Operator