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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. 9974

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, RIO ARRIBA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by
KELLAHIN, KELLAHIN & AUBREY as required by the Oil
Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT
(name, address, phone
and contact person)

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY
(name, address, phone
and contact person)

ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Applicant has been unable to get three individuals to sign the BLM communitization agreements for the subject well despite the fact that the working interest of these same three individuals has already been contractually committed to the well.

In order to commit the record title interest of these parties in the absence of signature, the BLM requires a compulsory pooling order.

This is not the pooling of a working interest and, therefore, no issue about risk factor, AFE, overhead rates, etc. is involved.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement)

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander (landman)	20 min.	Application Correspondence and documen- tation of efforts to get balance of record title committed to well
Jim Falconi (engineer)	15 min.	Locator plat Plat of area and and spacing unit Communitization Agreement Well data

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES (name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to the hearing)

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