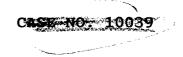
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO CASE NO. 10040

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by MERIDIAN OIL, INC. as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTIES

APPLICANT (name, address, phone and contact person)

ATTORNEY

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

ATTORNEY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

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

As a result of surveying errors, the Rosa Unit 201 and 222 wells were drilled at the wrong locations and are now at unorthodox Basin Fruitland Coal Gas well locations in their respective spacing units. Applicant seeks approval of the unorthodox well locations.

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)

None anticipated.

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PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS

(name and expertise)

Alan Alexander (landman) 15 min. 3

Jim Falconi (PE) 10 min. 1

Neale C. Edwards (surveyor) 20 min. Survey plats and field notes

Additional witnesses available

Edgar L. Risenhoover (surveyor)

Mike Turnbaugh (PE) (Northwest Pipeline)

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES EST. TIME EXHIBITS (name and expertise)

None anticipated.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

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CASE NO. 10039

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This prehearing statement is submitted by Northwest Pipeline Corporation as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCE OF PARTY

OTHER PARTY

ATTORNEY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

Northwest Pipeline Corporation appears as a party for it once owned, and then farmed out the lease(s) to the applicant in this case, Meridian Oil, Inc.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OTHER PARTY

Paul C. Thompson Production and Drilling Manager Northwest Pipeline Corporation P. O. Box 90 Farmington, New Mexico 87499 RECEIVED

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The names of possible other witnesses, if any there be, as well as the proposed exhibits to be offered by Northwest Pipeline Corporation are unknown at this time, and therefore not identifiable. Northwest Pipeline Corporation expressly reserves its right to present such other witnesses, and exhibits as may be relevant and appropriate.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None known at this time.

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