STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR SIX NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNITS, BASIN FRUITLAND COAL GAS POOL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 10042

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COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER R-8054

In Accordance with Division Rule 1207 (Order R-8054) I hereby certify that on July 17, 1990, I caused to be mailed by certified mail return-receipt requested notice of this hearing and a copy of the Application for the above referenced case along with the cover letter, at least twenty days prior to the hearing set for August 8, 1990, to the parties shown in the Application as evidenced by the attached copies of return receipt cards.

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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. 10042 ORDER NO. R-9303

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR SIX NON-STANDARD GAS PRORATION UNITS, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on August 8 and September 5, 1990, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 27th day of September, 1990, 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) At the time of the August 8, 1990 hearing this case was consolidated with Case No. 10041 for the purpose of testimony.
- (3) The applicant, Meridian Oil, Inc., seeks an exception to Rule 6 of Division Order No. R-8768 to establish six non-standard gas proration units for Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool production in Townships 29 and 30 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (4) Said non-standard proration units are necessitated by irregular sections resulting from survey corrections in the United States Public Lands Survey.
 - (5) The acreage contained in each individual proration unit should be based

on the latest official surveys and resurveys accepted by the United States Government.

- (6) The non-standard proration units may reasonably be presumed productive of gas from the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool and the non-standard gas proration units can be efficiently and economically drained and developed by one well on each unit.
- (7) No offset operator objected to the proposed non-standard gas proration units.
- (8) Approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his 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) The application of Meridian Oil, Inc. for six non-standard gas proration units in the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool in Townships 29 and 30 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.
- (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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Director

EXHIBIT "A" CASE NO. 10042 ORDER NO. R-9303

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| | TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM | | | | | | |
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| 2 | 226.72 | 7 | Lots 5 through 8 and E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) | | | | |
| 3 | 231.03 | 18 | Lots 5 through 8 and E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) | | | | |
| 4 | 238.88 | 19 | Lots 5 through 8 and E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) | | | | |
| | TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NMPM | | | | | | |
| 5 | 209.36 | 30 | Lots 5 through 8 and E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) | | | | |
| 6 | 211.32 | 31 | Lots 5 through 8 and E/2 W/2 (W/2 equivalent) | | | | |