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. 10114

APPLICATION OF MERIDIAN OIL, INC. FOR UNORTHODOX COAL GAS WELL LOCATION, BASIN FRUITLAND COAL GAS POOL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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)

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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.)

For topographical reasons, the BLM has required the proposed unorthodox well location of 790 feet FEL and 2510 feet FNL of Section 26, T27N, R10W, in order to develop the recoverable gas reserves underlying the N/2 of said spacing unit in the Basin Fruitland Coal Gas Pool.

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) Pre-hearing Statement NMOCD Case No. 10114 Page 3

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Alan Alexander (landman)	15 min.	Ownership/Notice
Eric Bauer (petroleum engineer)	15 min.	Economics Directional Drilling Isopach
Neal Edwards (surveyor)	15 min.	Location / topo map
Don Ellsworth (BLM)	15 min.	Topographic displays

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES EST (name and expertise)

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

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