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3 OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
4 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING
5 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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8 COMMISSION HEARING

9 IN THE MATTER OF:

10 Application of Virginia P. Uhden, CASE
11 Helen Orbesen, and Carroll O. Holm- 9129
12 berg to vacate Division Order Nos.
13 R-7588 and R-7588-A, and/or for the
14 formation of six 160-acre gas pro-
15 ration units, San Juan County, New
16 Mexico.

17 BEFORE: William J. Lemay, Chairman
18 Erling Brostuen, Commissioner
19 William M. Humphries, Commissioner

20 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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1 MR. LEMAY: Will you be
2 seated, please?

3 This is the New Mexico Oil
4 Conservation Commission. My name is Bill Lemay. I'm the
5 Chairman. On my left is Mr. Erling Brostuen and on my
6 right is Mr. Bill Humphries. That's in case any of you are
7 here by mistake, I mean, for Fish and Game, or something.

8 We'll start the docket today
9 going a little bit out of order by calling Case Number
10 9129.

11 MR. STOVALL: Application of
12 Virginia P. Uhden, Helen Orbesen, and Carroll O. Holmberg
13 to vacate Division Orders No. R-7588 and R-7588-A, and/or
14 for the formation of six 160-acre gas proration units, San
15 Juan County, New Mexico.

16 MR. LEMAY: Mr. Bruce.

17 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Chairman, my
18 name is Jim Bruce. I'm representing the applicants in this
19 case.

20 Some of the other counsel in
21 this case are Mr. Carr, Mr. Kellahin, and Mr. Lund.

22 At this time we would request
23 the Commission rather than going through this case in de-
24 tail again, to incorporate the records from the following
25 cases: 8014, 8014 Reopened, two hearings that were held

1 on Case 9129, and the records in Cases 9420 and 9421,
2 which were heard at the last Division meeting up in Farm-
3 ington.

4 This case primarily involves
5 legal issues and rather than re-arguing or arguing before
6 the Commission at this time I would ask the permission with
7 concurrence of the other counsel and of the Commission to
8 submit briefs to the Commissioners regarding this matter.

9 MR. LEMAY: Thank you.

10 Mr. Carr.

11 MR. CARR: May it please the
12 Commission, I'm Bill Carr with the Campbell Law Firm in
13 Santa Fe. We represent C&E Operators, Inc.. We have
14 participated in prior hearings at the Examiner level.

15 We concur with Mr. Bruce's
16 request that those records be incorporated into this pro-
17 ceeding today and we be permitted to address the Commission
18 simply with legal memoranda.

19 MR. LEMAY: Are there any
20 other appearances in this case?

21 Yes, sir, Mr. Kellahin.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Chairman,
23 I'm appearing today on behalf of Meridian Oil Inc..

24 I'm Tom Kellahin of the Santa
25 Fe law firm of Kellahin, Kellahin & Aubrey.

1 We did in fact participate on
2 behalf of Meridian before the Examiner in a hearing of this
3 case and we have previously provided the Division with a
4 brief of our position.

5 We would be again -- we would
6 again adopt our brief in the -- before the Examiner and ask
7 the Commission to consider our position as set forth in
8 writing.

9 MR. LEMAY: Thank you. Is
10 there any objection to this procedure?

11 Okay, Mr. Lund.

12 MR. LUND: Kent Lund on behalf
13 of Amoco and we have no objection to that procedure and we
14 would be happy to submit another brief previously.

15 MR. LEMAY: Other appearances
16 in this case that want to comment on the procedure?

17 If not, we will take that re-
18 commendation and do you have a time limit for submission of
19 the briefs?

20 MR. BRUCE: Could it be two
21 weeks from today's date, Mr. Chairman?

22 MR. LEMAY: Yeah, we can leave
23 -- if that's acceptable with counsel, we'll leave the
24 record open on this case for two weeks for the submission
25 of briefs, and we will incorporate the record on Cases

1 8014, 8014 Reopened, 9129, which is this subject case,
2 9420, 9421, and after two weeks we will take this case
3 under advisement.

4 MR. BRUCE: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chairman.

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7 (Hearing concluded.)

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I, SALLY W. BOYD, C. S. R. DO HEREBY
CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the
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