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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
EXAMINER HEARING January 4, 2024





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

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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# **COMPULSORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

ALL INFORMATION IN THE	APPLICATION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS	5
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Case: 24099	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
Hearing Date	January 4, 2024
Applicant	COG Operating LLC
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	COG Operating LLC (OGRID 229137)
Applicant's Counsel:	Holland & Hart LLP
Case Title:	APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	
Well Family	Azores Fed Com wells
Formation/Pool	
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Upper Wolfcamp formation
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil
Pooling this vertical extent:	N/A
Pool Name and Pool Code:	WC-025 G-08 S243217P; UPR WOLFCAMP (98248)
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide rules
Spacing Unit	
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal
Size (Acres)	320-acres
Building Blocks:	Quarter-quarter sections
Orientation:	South-North
Description: TRS/County	E2W2 of Sections 20 & 29, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe and is approval of non-standard unit requested in this application?	Yes
Other Situations	
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	N/A
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	N/A
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit A-3
Well(s)	
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	
Well #1	Azores Fed Com 704H (API Pending) SHL: 855' FSL, 2622' FWL (Unit M), Sec. 29, T24S, R32E BHL: 50' FNL, 2310' FWL (Unit C) Sec. 20, T24S, R32E Upper Wolfcamp formation South-North Completions are expected to be standard

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Well #2	Azores Fed Com 705H (API Pending) SHL: 855' FSL, 1285' FWL (Unit M), Sec. 29, T24S, R32E BHL: 50' FNL, 1650' FWL (Unit C) Sec. 20, T24S, R32E Upper Wolfcamp formation South-North Completions are expected to be standard
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit A-1
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Exhibit B
AFE Capex and Operating Costs	
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Production Supervision/Month \$	N/A
Justification for Supervision Costs	N/A
Requested Risk Charge	N/A
Notice of Hearing	
Proposed Notice of Hearing	See filed Application
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit D
Ownership Determination	
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-3
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-2
If approval of Non-Standard Spacing Unit is requested, Tract List (including lease numbers and owners) of Tracts subject to notice requirements.	N/A
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-3
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	N/A
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	N/A
Joinder	
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	N/A
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-3
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	N/A
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	N/A
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	N/A
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	N/A
Geology	
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	Exhibit B-1
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B
Target Formation	Exhibit B-4
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-4
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Forms, Figures and Tables	
C-102	Exhibit A-1
Tracts	Exhibit A-2
Summary of Interests, Unit Recapitulation (Tracts)	Exhibit A-3
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit B-1
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-2
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit B-3
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-4
Additional Information	
Special Provisions/Stipulations	N/A
<b>CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information pr</b>	ovided in this checklist is complete and accurate.
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Michael H. Feldewet
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	100 M
Date:	Pitchal & Fellewers 2-Jan-24

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

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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## **APPLICATION**

COG Operating LLC ("Applicant") through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E2W2 of Sections 20 & 29, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this application, COG states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to designate COG Production LLC (OGRID No. 217955) as the operator of the proposed spacing unit.
- 3. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the proposed **Azores Federal Com 705H** and **Azores Federal Com 704H** wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 29, with first take points in the SE4SW4 (Unit N) of Section 29 and last take points in the NE4NW4 (Unit C) of Section 20.
- 4. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all the interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
- 5. The pooling of interests will allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on January 4, 2024, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal well spacing unit;
- C. Designating COG Production LLC as the operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the wells;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOLLAND & HART LLP** 

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ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING LLC

CASE :

Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E2W2 of Sections 20 & 29, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed Azores Federal Com 705H and Azores Federal Com 704H wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 29, with first take points in the SE4SW4 (Unit N) of Section 29 and last take points in the NE4NW4 (Unit C) of Section 20. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells, the allocation of the cost thereof, the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of COG Production LLC applicant as operator, and the imposition of 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. Said area is located approximately 29 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF MICHAEL POTTS, LANDMAN

1. My name is Michael Potts, and I am employed by COG Operating LLC

("COG") as a Landman. My responsibilities include the Permian Basin of New Mexico.

I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert

witness in petroleum land matters and my credentials have been accepted by the Division

and made a matter of record.

2. I am familiar with the application filed by COG in this matter and the status

of the lands in the subject area. There are no ownership depth severances in the Wolfcamp

formation underlying the subject acreage.

3. COG seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp

formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit

comprised of the E2W2 of Sections 20 and 29, Township 24 South, Range 32 East,

NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. This spacing unit will be initially dedicated to the

proposed Azores Federal Com 704H and Azores Federal Com 705H wells to be

horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 29, with first take

points in the SE4SW4 (Unit N) of Section 29 and last take points in the NE4NW4 (Unit

C) of Section 20.

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- 4. **Exhibit A-1** contains the Form C-102s for the proposed initial wells. They reflect that the wells will be assigned to the WC-025 G-08 S243217P; UPR WOLFCAMP pool (code 98248).
- 5. Exhibit A-2 identifies the tracts of land comprising the proposed spacing unit, which consists of federal acreage.
- 6. **Exhibit A-3** provides a working interest ownership breakdown by tract and by the proposed spacing unit. COG is seeking to pool the overriding royalty interest owners and a record tile owner that are highlighted and listed on this exhibit.
- 7. COG has been able to locate a mailing address for all the mineral owners that it seeks to pool.
- 8. I have provided the law firm of Holland and Hart LLP with the names and addresses of the mineral owners to be pooled and instructed that they be notified of this hearing.
- 9. Exhibits A-1 through A-3 were prepared by me or compiled under my direction from company business records.
- 10. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in this case. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.

MICHAEL POTTS

12/29/2023

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Exhibit No. A-1 Submitted by: COG Operating LLC Hearing Date: January 4, 2024 Case No. 24099

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Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011 Submit one copy to appropriate

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□ AMENDED REPORT

WELL	LOCATION	AND	ACREAGE	DEDICATION	PLAT

API Number 30-025-49139	Pool Code 98248	WC-025 G-08 S243217P;UPR	WOLFCAMP
Property Code 331170	•	PEDERAL COM	Well Number 7∩4⊢
OGRID No.	Oper	rator Name	Elevation
217955	COG OPE	RATING, LLC	3500.8'

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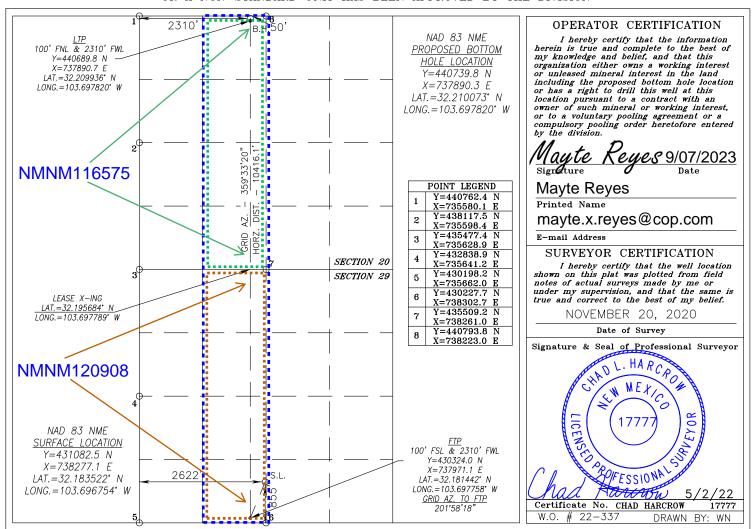
#### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
М	29	24-S	32-E		855	SOUTH	2622	WEST	LEA

#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Townsh	ip	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
С	20	24-	·S	32-E		50	NORTH	2310	WEST	LEA
Dedicated Acres	Joint o	r Infill	Cor	solidation (	Code Or	der No.				
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#### NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-025-4914	Pool Code 98248	WC-025 G-08 S243217P;UPR	WOLFCAMP
Property Code		erty Name	Well Number
331170		EDERAL COM	705H
ogrid no.	•	ator Name	Elevation
217955		RATING, LLC	3503.2'

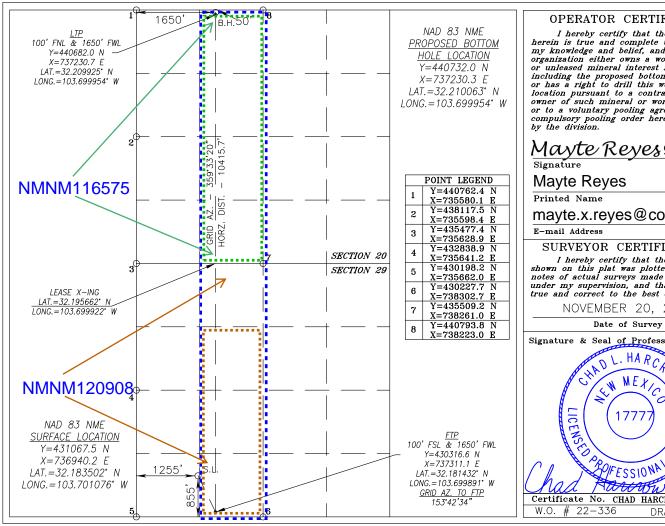
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М	29	24-S	32-E		855	SOUTH	1285	WEST	LEA

#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Townsh	ip	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
С	20	24-	·S	32-E		50	NORTH	1650	WEST	LEA
Dedicated Acres	Joint o	r Infill	Cor	solidation (	Code Or	der No.				
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#### OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division. I hereby certify that the information

#### *Mayte Reyes* 9/07/2023 Date

mayte.x.reyes@cop.com

#### SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

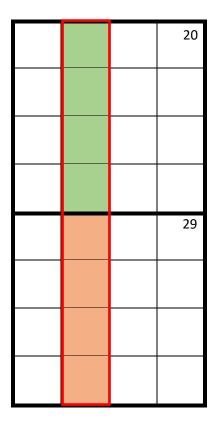
Date of Survey

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor CHAD L. HARCRO MEXIC 0 R

Certificate No. CHAD HARCROW 17777 DRAWN BY: WN

**Azores Federal Com (E2W2)** 

E2W2 of Sections 20 & 29 T24S, R32E, Lea County, NM





- USA NMNM 116575 (Tract 1)
- USA NMNM 120908 (Tract 2)
- E2W2 spacing unit

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### **Azores Federal Com**

E2W2 of Sections 20 and 29 T24S, R32E, Lea County, NM

#### **Working Interest Ownership**

## Tract 1 – E2W2 of Section 20, T24S, R32E, Lea County, NM

 COG Operating LLC
 100.000000%

 Total
 100.000000%

## Tract 2 - E2W2 of Section 29, T24S, R32E, Lea County, NM

 COG Production LLC
 100.000000%

 Total
 100.000000%

#### Unit Recapitulation – E2W2 of Sections 20 and 29, T24S, R32E, Lea County, NM

 COG Operating LLC
 50.000000%

 COG Production LLC
 50.000000%

 Total
 100.00000%

#### **Pooled Party List**

#### **Overriding Royalty Interest Owners**

Devon Energy Production Company, LP (Tract 1)
Malaga EF7, LLC (Tract 2)

Malaga Royalty, LLC (Tract 2)

**Record Title Owners** 

**Devon Energy Production Company, LP** (Tract 1)

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APPLICATIONS OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE Nos. 24097-24100

## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF BEN BREYMAN, GEOLOGIST

- 1. My name is Ben Breyman, and I am employed as a geologist by COG Operating LLC ("COG"), now a wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Company. I am familiar with the applications filed in these consolidated cases and I have conducted a geologic study of the lands in the subject area.
- 2. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as an expert witness in petroleum geology and my credential have been accepted and made a matter of public record.
- 3. **COG Exhibit B-1** is an area map showing the location of COG's proposed spacing units outlined in red with dashed purple lines depicting the orientation and general location of COG's initial wells targeting the Wolfcamp formation. This map also shows the existing wells in the surrounding sections that are completed in the Wolfcamp formation.
- 4. The initial target for the proposed wells is the Wolfcamp A interval of the Wolfcamp formation.
- 5. COG Exhibit B-2 is subsea structure maps that I prepared for the top of the Wolfcamp formation with contour intervals of 50 feet. COG's proposed spacing units are outlined in red. This exhibit demonstrates that the structure in the Wolfcamp formation is consistent across the proposed spacing unit and dips gently to the east. I do not observe

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any faulting, pinch outs, or other geologic impediments to developing this formation in this area with horizontal wells.

- 6. **COG** Exhibit B-3 depicts a line of cross section through COG's proposed horizontal spacing unit from A to A'. I chose the logs from these wells to create the cross section because they penetrate the targeted interval and are of good quality. In my opinion, these well logs are representative of the geology in the subject area.
- 7. **COG Exhibit B-4** is a stratigraphic cross section that I prepared using the logs from the representative wells shown on Exhibit B-3. Each well on the cross-section contains gamma ray, resistivity, and porosity logs. The target intervals for the initially proposed wells are identified on the exhibit with "Shale Target Interval" colored red. The cross-section demonstrates that the targeted intervals are continuous and relatively uniform across the proposed spacing unit.
- 8. My geologic study indicates the Wolfcamp formation underlying the subject area is suitable for development by horizontal wells and the acreage comprising the proposed horizontal spacing unit will be productive and contribute proportionately to the production from the wells.
- 9. As reflected in Exhibit B-1, the primary orientation for the existing wells targeting the Wolfcamp formation in this area is standup. In my opinion the standup orientation of COG's proposed wells is consistent with existing development and appropriate for the stress orientation in the Wolfcamp formation in this area, which is roughly north and south direction.
- 10. In my opinion, approval of these applications is in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and protection of correlative rights.
- 11. **COG Exhibits B-1 through B-4** were either prepared by me or compiled under my direction and supervision.

12. I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I understand that this self-affirmed statement will be used as written testimony in these cases. This statement is made on the date next to my signature below.

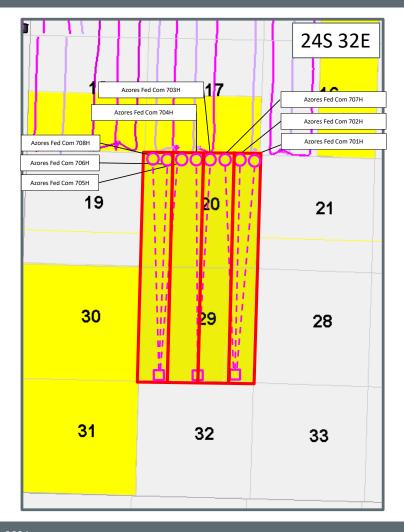
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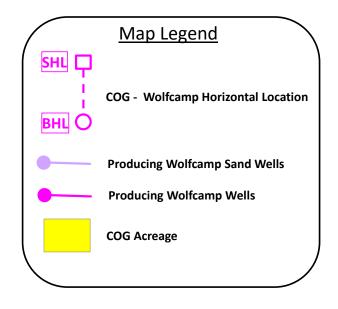
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Date

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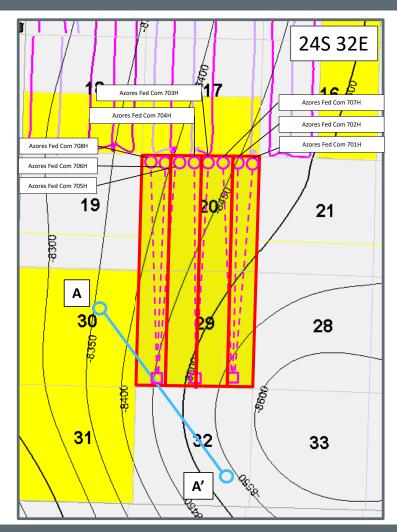
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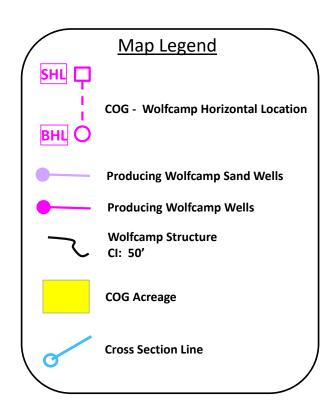
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# Wolfcamp Subsea Structure Map





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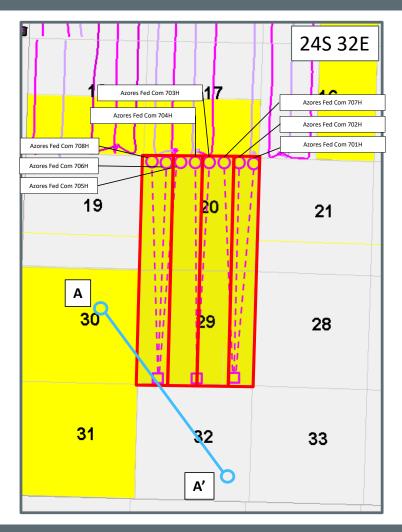
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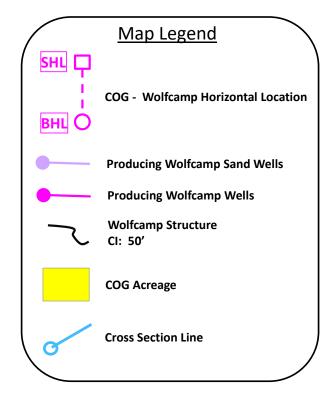
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**Submitted by: COG Operating LLC** 

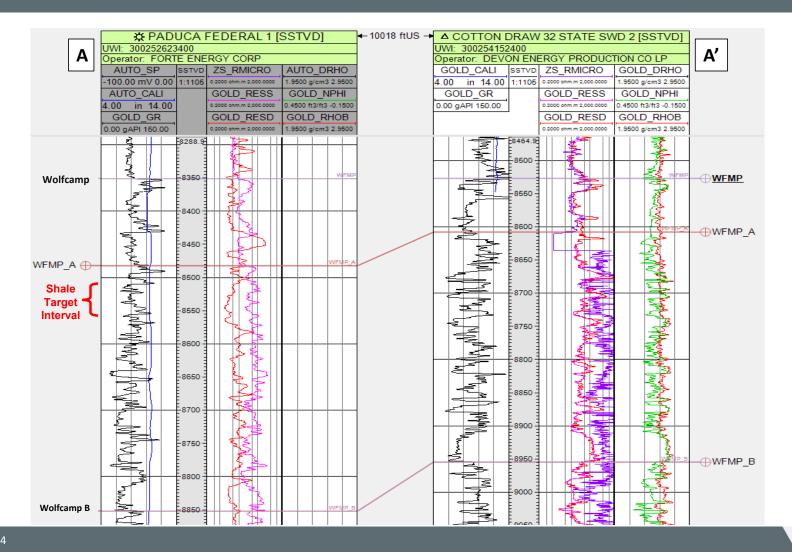
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# X-section location map





# Case No. 24097-24100: Azores Federal Com Section A-A'



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**AFFIDAVIT** 

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

) ss

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

Michael H. Feldewert, attorney in fact and authorized representative of the Applicant herein, being first duly sworn, upon oath, states

- 1. The above-referenced application and notice of the hearing on this application was sent by certified mail to the affected parties on the date set forth in the letter attached hereto.
- 2. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the names of the parties to whom notice was provided.
- 3. The spreadsheet attached hereto contains the information provided by the United States Postal Service on the status of the delivery of this notice as of December 29, 2023.
- 4. I caused a notice to be published to all parties subject to this compulsory pooling proceeding on December 17, 2023. An affidavit of publication from the publication's legal clerk with a copy of the notice publication is attached as Exhibit D.

Michael H. Feldewert

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State of New Mexico )

County of Santa Fe )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2nd day of January, 2024 by

Michael H. Feldewert.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO NOTARY PUBLIC KARI D PEREZ COMMISSION # 1138272

COMMISSION EXPIRES 06/28/2026



Michael H. Feldewert Partner Phone (505) 988-4421 mfeldewert@hollandhart.com

December 15, 2023

# VIA CERTIFIED MAIL CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO: ALL INTEREST OWNERS SUBJECT TO POOLING PROCEEDINGS

Re: Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County,

**New Mexico:** Azores Federal Com 705H and 704H wells

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that COG Operating LLC has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. A hearing has been requested before a Division Examiner on January 4, 2024, and the status of the hearing can be monitored through the Division's website at https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/.

Due to the remodeling of the state building where the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division is located, hearings will be conducted remotely beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/</a>.

You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date. Parties appearing in cases are required to file a Pre-hearing Statement four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing that complies with the provisions of NMAC 19.15.4.13.B.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Michael Potts at (432) 253-4542 or at Michael Potts@conocophillips.com.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Feldewert

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ATTORNEY FOR COG OPERATING LLC

## COG - Azores 705H and 704H wells - Case no. 24099 Postal Delivery Report

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9414811898765496119780	OXY Y-1 Company	5 Greenway Plz Ste 110	Houston	TX	77046-0521	Your item has been delivered to an agent for final delivery in HOUSTON, TX 77046 on December 19, 2023 at 11:33 am.
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9414811898765496119735	Devon Energy Production Company, LP	333 W Sheridan Ave	Oklahoma City	OK	73102-5010	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102.
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9414811898765496119919	Malaga EF7, LLC	PO Box 731287	Dallas	TX	75373-1287	DALLAS, TX 75260.
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						Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 2:20 pm on December 19, 2023 in
9414811898765496119902	West Bend Energy Partners, LLC	1320 S University Dr Ste 701	Fort Worth	TX	76107-8061	FORT WORTH, TX 76107.

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 17th day of December 2023.

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Business Manager

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#### LEGAL NOTICE December 17, 2023

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

The State of New Mexico, Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division ("Division") hereby gives notice that the Division will hold public hearings before a hearing examiner on the following cases. The hearings will be conducted remotely on Thursday, January 4, 2024, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the hearings, see the instructions posted below. The docket may be viewed at https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/ or obtained from Sheila Apodaca, at Sheila.Apodaca@emnrd.nm.gov. Documents filed in these cases may be viewed at https://ocdimage.emnrd.nm.gov/lmaging/Default.aspx. If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in a hearing, contact Sheila Apodaca at Sheila.Apodaca@emnrd.nm.gov, or the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779, no later than December 24, 2023.

Persons may view and participate in the hearings through the following link: https://nmemnrd.webex.com/nmemnrd/j.php?MTID=mdc8645ccf2c0febe64ceac720dd750a3

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following case and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

To: All affected interest owners, including: OXY Y-1 Company; Devon Energy Production Company, LP; Malaga EF7, LLC; Malaga Royalty, LLC; West Bend Energy Partners, LLC, and Devon Energy Production Company, LP.

Case No. 24099: Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the E2W2 of Sections 20 & 29, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed Azores Federal Com 705H and Azores Federal Com 704H wells to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW4 of Section 29, with first take points in the SE4SW4 (Unit N) of Section 29 and last take points in the NE4NW4 (Unit C) of Section 20. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells, the allocation of the cost thereof, the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of COG Production LLC applicant as operator, and the imposition of 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. Said area is located approximately 29 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.

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