

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

**APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL  
OF NON-STANDARD, OVERLAPPING SPACING  
UNIT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 24831**

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**CASE NO. 24832**

**CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

COG Operating LLC (“COG” or “Applicant”) submits its consolidated Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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### **STATEMENT OF THE CASES**

In **Case No. 24831**, COG applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 1,920-acre, more or less, non-standard, overlapping horizontal spacing unit comprised of Sections 22, 27 and 34, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico. COG seeks to dedicate the unit to the following proposed wells:

- a) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 501H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 34;
- b) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 502H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 22 to a last take point in the in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 34;
- c) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 503H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 34; and
- d) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 504H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 34.

The unit will partially overlap with the spacing units for the following wells, which produce from the Teas; Bone Spring Pool (Code 58960): Outlaw 22 Federal Com #1H well (API No. 30-025-26241), which is located in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County; and Wish Federal #1 well (API No. 30-025-26241), which is located in Section 27, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County.

In **Case No. 24832**, COG applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a 1,920-acre, more or less, non-standard, horizontal spacing unit comprised of Sections 22, 27 and 34, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico. COG seeks to dedicate the Unit to the following proposed wells:

- a) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 701H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 34;
- b) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 702H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 22 to a last take point in the in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 34;
- c) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 703H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 34; and
- d) **Donkey Potroast Fed Com 704H** well, which will produce from a first take point in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 22 to a last take point in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 34.

The completed intervals of the wells will be orthodox. Applicant seeks approval of non-standard horizontal spacing units in both cases to reduce surface, economic, and environmental impacts and thereby prevent waste. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs, the designation of Applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Estimated Time</b>	<b>Exhibits</b>
Michael Monju	Landman	Affidavit	Approx. 8
William Schellenbach	Geologist	Affidavit	Approx. 5

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant intends to consolidate these cases for hearing and will present the cases by affidavit if there is no opposition to its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 5, 2025, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading on the following counsel of record by electronic mail:

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QUESTIONS

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