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May 22, 2017

COG Operating LLC
Attn: Ms. Robyn Russell

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION

Administrative Order NSL-7534

COG Operating LLC
OGRID 22937
Dodd Federal Unit Well No. 917H
API No. 30-015-44128

Non-Standard Location

Proposed Location:

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Twsp</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	1035' FNL & 230' FEL	A	15	17S	29E	Eddy
Penetration Point	1035' FNL & 10' FWL	D	14	17S	29E	Eddy
Final perforation	990' FNL & 100' FEL	A	14	17S	29E	Eddy
Terminus	990' FNL & 10' FEL	A	14	17S	29E	Eddy

Proposed Project Area:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
N/2 N/2 of Section 14	160	Dodd; Glorieta-Upper Yeso	97917

Reference is made to your application received on May 8, 2017.

You have requested to drill this horizontal well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by the Special Rules for the Dodd; Glorieta-Upper Yeso Pool, which provide for 40-acre units with wells to be located at least 330 feet from outer unit boundaries, and Rule 19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This surface location is outside the project area, and is permitted by Rule 19.15.16.15.B (4) NMAC which allows for surface locations outside project area. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed completed interval are closer to outside boundaries of the proposed project area than any location that would be a standard location under the applicable pool rules.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 19.15.15.13 NMAC and 19.15.4.12.A (2) NMAC.

It is our understanding that COG Operating, LLC is requesting this non-standard location to drain reserves in the Yeso formation that would otherwise be stranded. Further, it would be uneconomical to access these reserves with a vertical well, per COG Operating LLC engineer.

It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to identical ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 19.15.15.13 (B) NMAC, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

The above approvals are subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.



DAVID R. CATANACH
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia District Office
Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad