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Ms. Jami Bailey, Director
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration

unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of COG Operating LLC in the abovereferenced case as well as a copy of the legal advertisement. COG requests that this matter be placed on the Hearing Examiner Docket scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Sincerely.

Jordan Kessler

**Enclosures** 

cc: Ocean Munds-Dry/Mike Wallace

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OIL HAY 28 P 3: 24

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. <u>15163</u>

#### **APPLICATION**

COG Operating LLC ("Concho"), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order: (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit in the Brushy Canyon (Delaware) formation, comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Brushy Canyon formation underlying this proposed non-standard spacing and proration unit. In support of this application, Concho states as follows:

- 1. Concho is an interest owner in the subject lands and has the right to drill a well thereon.
- 2. Concho seeks to dedicate the E/2 W/2 of said Section 17 to the proposed well to form a non-standard 160-acre, more or less, oil spacing and proration unit (the "project area").
- 3. Concho proposes to drill the Goldfinger Fed Com No. 2H well to a depth sufficient to test the Brushy Canyon formation. Both the surface location and the bottom-terminus location will be at standard locations. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the rules.

- 4. Concho has sought but been unable to obtain a voluntary agreement from all mineral interest owners in the Brushy Canyon formation underlying the proposed project area to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to the well.
- 5. Approval of the non-standard unit and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Brushy Canyon formation underlying the proposed project area will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
- 6. Notice of this application has been given in accordance with Division rules as shown on Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, COG Operating LLC requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 26, 2014, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Creating a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit ("project area") in the Brushy Canyon formation comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 32 E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Brushy Canyon formation underlying this non-standard spacing and proration unit/project area;
- C. Designating Concho as operator of this unit and the well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Concho to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing this well;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXHIBIT A COG OPERATING LLC NOTICE LIST

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