

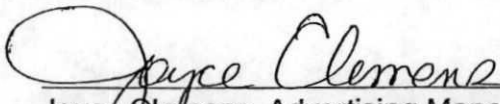
Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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COUNTY OF LEA)

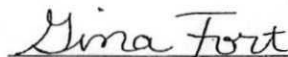
Joyce Clemens being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is Advertising Manager of THE LOVINGTON LEADER, a thrice a week newspaper of general paid circulation published in the English language at Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico; that said newspaper has been so published in such county continuously and uninterruptedly for a period in excess of Twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the notice hereto attached as hereinafter shown; and that said newspaper is in all things duly qualified to publish legal notices within the meaning of Chapter 167 of the 1937 Session Laws of the State of New Mexico.

That the notice which is hereto attached, entitled Legal Notice was published in a regular and entire issue of THE LOVINGTON LEADER and not in any supplement thereof, for one (1) day(s), beginning with the issue of September 7, 2013 and ending with the issue of September 7, 2013.

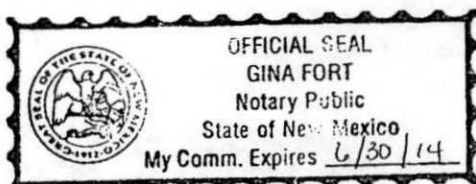
And that the cost of publishing said notice is the sum of \$ 103.12 which sum has been (Paid) as Court Costs.



Joyce Clemens, Advertising Manager
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th
day of September, 2013.



Gina Fort
Notary Public, Lea County, New Mexico
My Commission Expires June 30, 2014



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

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of the Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on September 19, 2013, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 1220 South St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for the hearing. If you are an individual with a disability who in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Florena Davidson at 505-476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-8-11779 by September 9, 2013. Public documents including the agenda and minutes can be provided in various accessible forms. If a summary or other type of accessible form is needed,

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

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

To: Heirs and devisees of the Estate of Warren J. Bates, Beneficiaries of M. T. Wray Trust 2008

Case No. 15044: Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the NW/2 NW/4 of Section 5, Township 26 South, Range East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in Bone Spring formation underlying the acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed Gunter 5 Fee Comm. Well, which will be horizontal drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) to a standard bottom location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit B) of Section 5. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of COG Operating LLC as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 19 miles southwest of Jala, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico, Oil Conservation Division at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 4th day of September, 2013.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Jamie Bailey, Division Director

Published in the Lovington Leader September 7, 2013.

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Exhibit No. 9

Submitted by: COG OPERATING LLC

Hearing Date: June 19, 2014