



May 5, 2016

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James R. Malott, Jr.
910 S. Craycroft
Tucson, AZ 87511

RE: Ratification of Communitization Agreement
Branex-COG Federal Com #15H
N2S2 of Section 9, T17S-R32E
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Malott:

In accordance with the drilling of the captioned well, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Communitization Agreement which has been executed by COG Operating LLC as Operator. This agreement communitizes United States Lease NMNM 0315712 and numerous Fee leases, insofar as they cover the N2S2 of Section 9, T17S-R32E, as to the top of the Yeso formation to the base of the Blinbry Formation.

Also enclosed herewith are two (2) Ratification and Joinder of Communitization Agreement(s) which have been prepared for execution by you, as an overriding royalty interest owner.

Please secure execution of both originals of this ratification and return one (1) to our office for further handling. A recorded copy of the ratification will be forwarded to you when available.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 432-818-2342. Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

COG Operating LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli D. Hayes".

Kelli D. Hayes
Land Coordinator

BEFORE THE OIL CONVERSATION
DIVISION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Exhibit No. 9
Submitted by: COG OPERATING LLC.
Hearing Date: March 29, 2016