

hinklelawfirm.com

HINKLE SHANOR LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PO BOX 2068

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504

505-982-4554 (FAX) 505-982-8623

WRITER:

Gary W. Larson,
Partner

glarson@hinklelawfirm.com

2016 SEP 15 10 12 AM

September 15, 2016

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Florene Davidson
Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Case 15557

Re: COG Operating LLC Application

Dear Florene:

Enclosed please find: (i) for filing, the original and one (1) copy of an application by COG Operating LLC for approval of a 225.6-acre, non-standard oil spacing and proration unit to be dedicated to COG's Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well; and (ii) a proposed hearing notice. I will email the proposed hearing notice to you in Word format.

As stated in the application, COG requests that the application be placed on the Division's October 27, 2016 hearing docket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Gary W. Larson

GWL:rc
Enclosures

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

2014 SEP 15 PM 3:45

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

Case No. 15557

APPLICATION

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, COG Operating LLC ("COG") applies for an order (i) approving a 225.6-acre, non-standard spacing and proration unit in the E/2 E/2 of Section 30 and the NE/4 NE/4 and Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation. In support of its Application, COG states:

1. COG (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the E/2 E/2 of Section 30 and the NE/4 NE/4 and Lot 7 of Section 31 and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. COG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced non-standard spacing and proration unit as the project area for its Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Unit A of Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 29 East to a bottom hole location in Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East.
3. The completed interval for the Copperhead Federal Com #3H well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by 19.15.15.9(A) NMAC.
4. COG has undertaken diligent, good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners in the proposed project area to participate in the drilling of the well, but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all of the mineral interest owners.

5. The pooling of those uncommitted mineral interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. In order to allow COG to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the non-standard spacing and proration unit should be pooled and COG should be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well and project area.

WHEREFORE, COG requests that this application be set for hearing on October 27, 2016 and that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter an order:

A. Approving a 225.6-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation in the E/2 E/2 of Section 30 and the NE/4 NE/4 and Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, in Eddy County;

B. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the proposed project area;

C. Designating COG as the operator of the project area and the Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well;

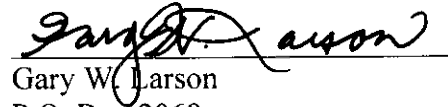
D. Authorizing COG to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well;

E. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well and allocating the cost among the uncommitted mineral interest owners;

F. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision during drilling and after completion, together with a provision for adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and

G. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by COG in drilling and completing the Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well against any mineral interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

HINKLE SHANOR LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary W. Larson", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary W. Larson
P.O. Box 2068
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2068
Phone: (505) 982-4554
Facsimile: (505) 982-8623
glarson@hinklelawfirm.com

Counsel for COG Operating LLC

PROPOSED NOTICE

Case No. 15557: Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order (i) creating a 225.6-acre, non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) comprised of the E/2 E/2 of Section 30 and the NE/4 NE/4 and Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, in Eddy County, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this acreage. The project area is to be dedicated to applicant's Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H well, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in Unit A of Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 29 East to a bottom hole location in Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East. The completed interval for the well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Division's rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well and the allocation of the cost, the designation of COG Operating LLC as the operator of the well, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The proposed project area is located approximately 16 miles southwest of Malaga, New Mexico.