

## Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico,  
County of Eddy, ss.

**Danny Fletcher**, being first duly  
sworn, on oath says:

That he is the Publisher of the  
Carlsbad Current-Argus, a  
newspaper published daily at the  
City of Carlsbad, in said county of  
Eddy, state of New Mexico and of  
general paid circulation in said  
county; that the same is a duly  
qualified newspaper under the laws  
of the State wherein legal notices  
and advertisements may be  
published; that the printed notice  
attached hereto was published in the  
regular and entire edition of said  
newspaper and not in supplement  
thereof on the date as follows, to wit:

October 23 2016

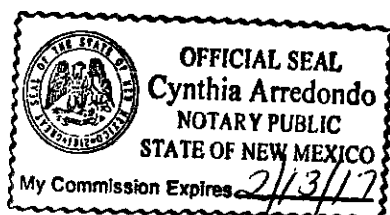
That the cost of publication is **\$96.16**  
and that payment thereof has been  
made and will be assessed as court  
costs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24 day of October, 2016

*Cynthia Arredondo*

My commission Expires 2/13/17

Notary Public



October 23, 2016

This is to notify all interested parties, including OXY USA Inc., Chevron U.S.A. Inc., the Bureau of Land Management, Mary Lou Cassidy, John E. Cassidy, Dorothy Martyn, Shirley R. Ireland, Harry Lee Harrison, Jr., Ray Properties, Clara Frances Walvoord Hudspeth, Alvin F. Walvoord, Jr. and their successors and assigns, that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division will conduct a hearing on an application submitted by COG Operating LLC (Case No. 15557) at 8:15 a.m. on November 17, 2016 in Porter Hall at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico. COG Operating LLC 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 the Copperhead 31 Federal Com #3H horizontal well, which will have a surface location in Unit A of Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 29 East and a bottom hole location in Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 29 East. The completed interval for the well will be 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 sixteen (16) miles southwest of Malaga, New Mexico.

Case  
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OCD Case No. 15557

**COG OPERATING  
Exhibit # 12**