STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF

CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR DESIGNATION OF A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND FOR COMPULSORY POOLING (BLACKHAWK "11" FED COM NO. 1-H) EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO **CASE NO. 14365**

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR DESIGNATION OF A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND FOR COMPULSORY POOLING (BLACKHAWK "11" FED COM NO. 2-H) EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO **CASE NO. 14366**

VERIFIED CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, including Chesapeake Operating Co. (collectively "Chesapeake") moves that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division dismiss these cases because the applicant, COG Operating LLC ("COG") prematurely filed these cases and failed to comply with the custom and practice of the Division concerning Section 70-2-17.C NMSA 1978 by instituting applications for compulsory pooling prior to proposing these wellbore to Chesapeake and without conducting good faith efforts to reach a voluntary agreement with Chesapeake for these spacing units and the Blackhawk "Il" Fed Com Nos. 1-H and 2-H. In addition, COG Operating has obtained approved applications for permits to drill ("APD") by falsely certifying Division Form C-102 for a surface location in which COG Operating has no interest.

And in support states:

RELEVANT FACTS

- 1. COG Operating has no interest¹ in the SW/4 of Section 11 but despite that lack of an interest and in violation of the Division's Rules and Orders, COG Operating:
 - a. On April 30, 2008 filed a Federal APD² for the Blackhawk "11" Fed Com Well No. 1-H, (API # 30-015-36541) a horizontal wellbore, in which COG Operating does not have any interest in either (a) the surface location or (b) the first 1,604 feet of the producing interval of this wellbore.
 - b. On February 27, 2008 filed an Federal APD³ for the Blackhawk "11" Fed Com Well No. 2-H, (API # 30-015-37106) a horizontal wellbore, in which COG Operating does not have any interest in either (a) the surface location or (b) the first 1,050 feet of the producing interval of this wellbore.
- 2. In Case 14365, for the Blackhawk Well No. 1-H, COG's seeks a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing unit containing four 40-acre tracts consisting of S/2S/2 of Section 11, T16S, R28E, Eddy County, NM. with a surface location in Unit M and a subsurface bottomhole location in Unit P of Section 11, T16S, R28E, Eddy County. See first page of APD and Division form C-102 attached as Exhibit "B"
- 3. In Case 14366, for the Blackhawk Well No. 2-H, COG's seeks a 160-acre non-standard oil spacing unit containing three 40-acre tracts consisting of N/2S/2 of Section 11, T16S, R28E, Eddy County, NM. with a surface location in Unit J and a subsurface bottomhole location in Unit H of Section 11, T16S, R28E, Eddy County. See first page of APD and Division form C-102 attached as Exhibit "C"
- 4. Division Form C-102 filed with each of these well, requires that the Operator certify that: "I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling"

¹ See Locator Map attached as Exhibit "A"

² Although the APD is dated April 30, 2008, the C-102 is dated August 14,2008 with the APD approved on August 4, 2008

³ Although the APD is dated February 27, 2009, the C-102 is dated October 24, 2008 with the APD approved on May 22, 2008

- 5. In doing so, COG violated the "operator certification" contained in Division Form C-102 by falsely certifying that it had an interest in the surface locations of the tract to be penetrated by these wellbores.
- 6. On May 1, 2009, Chesapeake filed an application with the Division in Case 14323 seeking an order canceling COG Operating's permit for the Blackhawk "11" Federal Com Well No. 1-H
- 7. At the time both APD were filed, COG and COG Oil & Gas LP had not proposed either well to Chesapeake or reached a voluntary agreement with Chesapeake or obtained a Division compulsory pooling order pooling the S/2S/2 of Section 11 or for the N/2S/2 of Section 11.
- 8. On May 29, 2009, COG Operating filed two application with the Division seeking compulsory pooling of (a) the S/2S/2 of Section 11 for the Blackhawk Federal Com Well No. 1-H docketed as Case 14365 and (b) the N/2S/2 of Section 11 for the Blackhawk Federal Com Well No. 2-H and alleged that:
 - a. COG Operating has the right to drill thereon (meaning within SW/4 of Section 11)
 - b. But that COG Operating does not have leases or voluntary agreement.
- 9. Section 70-2-17(c) of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Act, sets a prerequisite that compulsory pooling proceeding require that the "owner or owners have not agreed to pool their interests...."
- 10. COG Operating has yet to provide Chesapeake with a written well proposal, including AFE or a proposed Joint Operating Agreement for either wellbore.

ARGUMENT

Point I: No Written Well Proposal by COG Operating

It has been the Division's longstanding interpretation of NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-17.C of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Act that before an applicant can filed for compulsory pooling, an applicant is required to make a good faith effort to obtain the voluntary commitment of interests in a spacing unit before seeking their compulsory pooling. The Division requires that effort be commenced by sending a written well proposal letter, including an AFE, that specifies the spacing unit, the well locations, estimated costs and depth and then waiting approximately 30-day thereafter before filing. The waiting period follows the industry's custom set forth in

standard Joint Operating Agreements and is meaningful because it provides a period for the party to received the proposal, respond and to obtain further information from the proposing party or otherwise and then make an informed decision.

COG Operating applicants state that it "does not have leases or a voluntary agreement" falls short of what the Division requires. COG Operating failed to propose either wellbore to Chesapeake before filing its compulsory pooling applications and therefore COG Operating has not engaged in any effort, good faith or otherwise, to reach a voluntary agreement for these wellbores. It is impossible to have "failure to agree" if COG Operating has not propose any specific well before filing for compulsory pooling. In addition, it appears to constitute "bad faith" for COG Operating to proceed to hearing pooling cases for either spacing unit for which it have not even proposed the drilling of these wells.

POINT II: The C-102s filed COG Operating are flawed

To insure that operators would not obtain APDs until they had reach a voluntary agreement or obtained compulsory pooling orders, the Commission by Order R-12343-E, dated March 16, 2007,⁴ directed the Division to change Division form C-102 concluding as a legal matter that:

"33. To prevent further misunderstandings in the interpretation of the Commission's orders, particularly in Case No. 13153, Application of Pride Energy Company, etc., Order No. R-12108-C and Application of TMBR/Sharp, Inc., Order R11700-B, the Commission approves of the language on Division Form C-102, field 17, concerning the operator's certification and asks the Division to continue its use and to notify the Commission if it plans to discontinue its use. That certification states "I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land, including the proposed bottomhole location, or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interests or in a voluntary pooling agreement or compulsory pooling order hereto entered by the Division".

Case Nos. 13492 and 13493 (De Novo) Order No. R-12343-E at Page 6

⁴ a dispute between Samson, Kaiser-Frances and Mewbourne to cancel two APDs obtained by Chesapeake and Chesapeake's attempt to compulsory pool those parties.

In addition, "An operator shall not file an application for permit to drill or drill a well unless it owns an interest in the proposed well location or has a right to drill the well as stated in Division Form C-102" See Finding 19 of Order R-12343-B (Case 13492 and 134939denovo). While the certification appears to have been written with vertical wellbores in mind, it seems reasonable to apply the certification to horizontal wellbores by interpretation that the operator must have an interest in any tract penetrated by a horizontal wellbore.

Compulsory pooling application should not be decided based upon which applicant was first to obtain an approved APD. COG's APDS are attempts to block Chesapeake from deciding how to develop its tracts--a practice that is not permitted by the Division:

"(17) The mere fact that an applicant obtained an APD first which has not been revoked does not necessarily guarantee that the applicant should be designated the operator of the wells and of the units under the compulsory pooling procedures. The Division does not want to decide this case based on a race to obtain an APD. Doing so would encourage potential operators to file for APD's strategically, to block other potential operators."

See Order R-12451

CONCLUSION

The actions by COG Operating display either a total lack of knowledge of or a total disregard for the Division's rules, procedures and practices. If allowed by the Division, this will encourage COG Operating and others to obtaining an APD affecting acreage its does not control and to use compulsory pooling as a negotiating weapon rather than as a remedy of last resort. The Division's files are replete with cases that were dismissed for the same reasons these COG Operating's cases should be dismissed. For example of premature compulsory pooling cases See NMOCD Cases 9939, 106635, 10636, 11107, 11434, 11461, 11927, 11999 and 12014. For authority for not filing an application for permit to dill unless it owns an interest in the proposed well location is Commission Order R-12343-E decretory paragraph 19.

Respectfully submitted,

W-Phomas Kellahin Kellahin & Kellahin

Kellahin & Kellahin 706 Gonzales Road Santa Fe, NM 87501 Attorneys for Chesapeake

VERIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)	
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COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)	

Kevin Pfister, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states: He is a senior petroleum landman employed by Chesapeake Operating Co, that he is familiar with the factual statement set forth in this motion to dismiss and the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Kevin Pfister

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this $\frac{4}{3}$ day of August 2009, by Kevin Pfister

Anna M Andeket
Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/27/11

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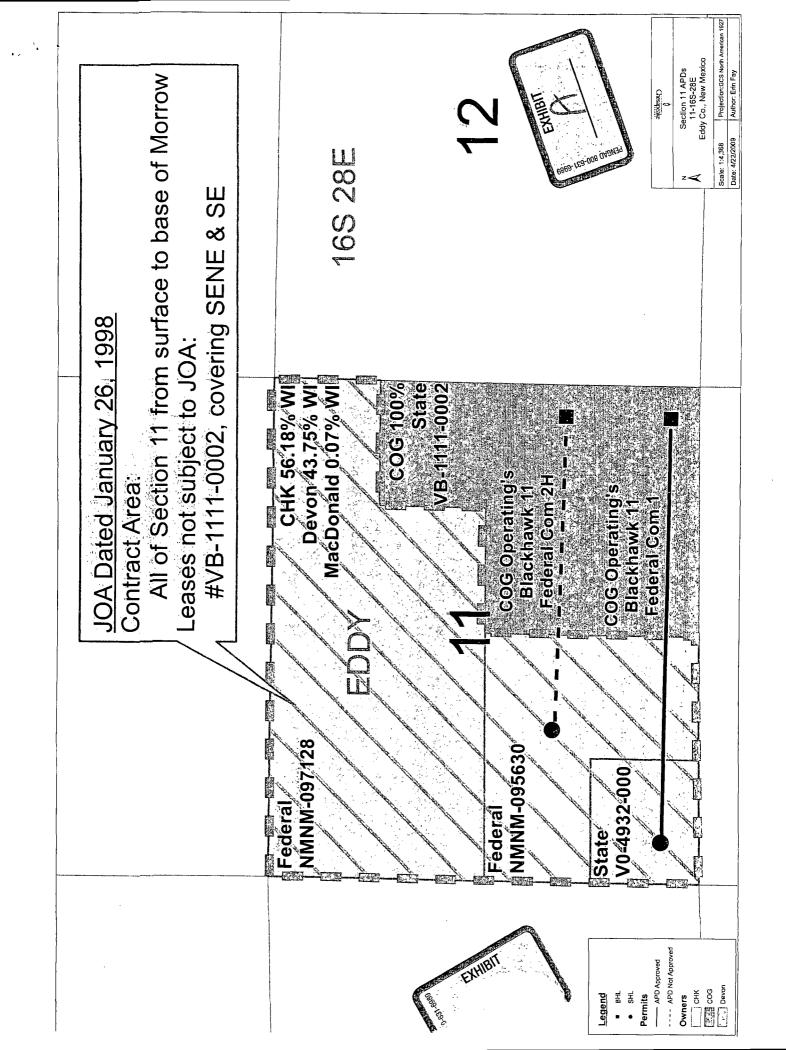
CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this day of August 2009, by hand delivery.

David K Brooks, Esq. Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Drive Fax: 505-476-3462

J. Scott Hall, Esq.
Attorney for COG Operating LLC

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FORM APPROVED

OMB No 1004-0137 Expires March 31, 2007

Lease Serial No.

NM 400844

Form 3160-3

(February 2005)

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

	APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO I	DRILL OR REENTER		6 - If Indian, Allotee or Tribe N/A	Name
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lb	Type of Well Oil Well Gas Well Other	Single Zone Muliple	Zone	8 Lease Name and Well No. Blackhawk "11" Fede	37327 eral Com #1
2	Name of Operator COG OPERATING, LLC	129137		9 API Well No 30-015-3	26541
3 a	Address 550 W. Texas Suite 1300 Midland, Texas 79701	3b Phone No. (mchule area code) 432-683-7443		10 Field and Pool, or Explorate Wolfcamp- Crow Flat	אַלי.
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14	Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*			12 County or Parish Eddy County	13 State NM
15	Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line. fl (Also to nearest dog unit line, if any)	16 No of acres in lease 17	7 Spacing	g Unit dedicated to this well	
18	Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft	19 Proposed Depth 11130, MD 20		BIA Bond No. on file 000215	·
21	Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB. RT. GL. etc.) 3570 GL	22 Approximate date work will start* 06/01/2008		23 Estimated duration 45 days	
		24. Attachments			

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No I, must be attached to this form

- 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor
- 2 A Drilling Plan
- 3 A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office)
- 4 Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above)
- 5 Operator certification

6 Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the

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25	Signature	1	DO.	Name (Printed Typed)	Date
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Approved by (Signature)

/s/ James Stovall

Name (Printed Typed) James Stovall

Date AUG U 4 2008

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FIELD MANAGER

CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Title 43 USC Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingh and States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

NOTE: NEW PIT RULE 19-15-17 NMAC PART 17 A form C-144 must be approved

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A form C-144 must be approved before starting drilling operations.

*(Instructions on page 2)

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SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL APPROVAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED

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DISTRICT I 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NN 68240 DISTRICT II 1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artems, NM 85210

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

1210 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NN 97505

DISTRICT III

DISTRICT_IV

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office State Lease - 4 Copies Fee Lease - 3 Copies

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Na	me
30-015-	97102	CROW FLATS: WOLL	CAMP
Property Code	Prop	erty Name	Well Number
	BLACKHAWK "1	1" FEDERAL COM	1
DGRID No.	Opera	itor Name	Elevation
229137	C.O.G. OPE	RATING L.L.C.	3570'

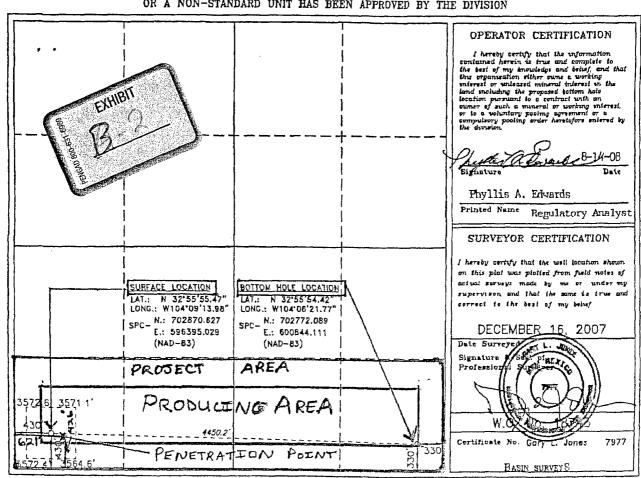
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
M	11	16 S	28 E	•	430	SOUTH	430	WEST	EDDY

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot ldn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



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Form 3160-3 (April 2004)

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FORM APPROVED OMB No 1004-0137 Expires March 31, 2007

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Ib. Type of Well Oil Well Gas Well Other	Single Zone Multı	ple Zone	8. Lease Name and Well No Black Hawk 11 Fed Com #2							
2. Name of Operator COG Operating LLC			9. API Well No.	-37106						
3a Address 550 W. Texas, Suite 1300 Midland TX 79701	3b. Phone No. (include area code) (432) 685-4385	•	10. Field and Pool, or Expl	oratory						
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with At surface 1800' FSL & 1590' FWL, URGS' At proposed prod. zone 1650' FSL & 330' FEL, UL I	any State requarements.*) WELL CONTROLLED W	ATER B	11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk as	nd Survey or Area						
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Approved by (Signature) Is/ Don Peterson

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Office

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UL or lot No.

Dedicated Acres

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Section

11

Joint or Infill

Township

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102 Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office

East/West line

EAST

County

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Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface									

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Consolidation Code

