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

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.
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## **APPLICATION**

COG Operating, LLC ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 229137), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 960-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 24, 25 and 36, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. In support of its application, COG states:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
- 2. Applicant seeks to initially dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells:
  - the Atticus State Com 701H and the Atticus State Com 702H wells to be drilled from a common surface hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 36 to bottom hole locations, respectively, in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) and the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 24; and
  - the Atticus State Com 703H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 36 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 24.

- 3. Applicant has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all the interest owners in the subject spacing unit.
- 4. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
- 5. To allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal well spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 6, 2022, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Approving the initial wells in the horizontal spacing unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as the operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the wells;
- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% charge for the risk assumed by Applicant in drilling and completing the wells against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING, LLC

CASE \_\_\_\_\_: Application of COG Operating, LLC for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 960-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 of Sections 24, 25 and 36, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the to the following proposed wells:

- the Atticus State Com 701H and the Atticus State Com 702H wells to be drilled from a common surface hole location in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 36 to bottom hole locations, respectively, in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) and the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 24; and
- the Atticus State Com 703H well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 36 to a bottom hole location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 24. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells, the allocation of the cost thereof, the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of applicant as operator, and the imposition of 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing each well. Said area is located approximately 8 miles south of Malaga, New Mexico.