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

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

**CASE NO. 23188** 

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit A	Self-Affirmed Statement of Michael Potts
A-1	Application & Proposed Notice of Hearing
A-2	C-102s
A-3	Plat of Tracts, Ownership Interests, Record Title Interest to be Pooled
A-4	Sample Communitization Agreement
A-5	Chronology of Contact
Exhibit B	Self-Affirmed Statement of Cody Bacon
B-1	Location Map of the Dominator 25 Federal Com 104H, 106H, 404H and 406H wells
B-2	Bone Spring Subsea Structure Map
B-3	Avalon Cross-Section
B-4	Stratigraphic Cross-Section
B-5	Location Map of the Dominator 25 Federal Com 304H and 306H wells
B-6	Second Bone Spring Subsea Structure Map
B-7	Second Bone Spring Cross-Section
B-8	Stratigraphic Cross-Section
Exhibit C	Self-Affirmed Statement of Dana S. Hardy
C-1	Sample Notice Letter to All Interested Parties
C-2	Chart of Notice to All Interested Parties

- C-3 Copies of Certified Mail Green Cards and White Slips
- C-4 Affidavit of Publication for November 17, 2022

## COMPUESORY POOLING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE	SUPPORTED BY SIGNED AFFIDAVITS
ase.	22188

ALL INFORMATION IN THE APPLICATION MUST BE Case:	23188
Date	December 15, 2022
Applicant	COG Operating LLC
Designated Operator & OGRID (affiliation if applicable)	OGRID # 229137
Applicant's Counsel: Case Title:	Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.
Entries of Appearance/Intervenors:	None.
Well Family	Dominator
Formation/Pool	
Formation Name(s) or Vertical Extent:	Bone Spring
Primary Product (Oil or Gas):	Oil
Pooling this vertical extent:	Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Code 97900)
Pool Name and Pool Code:	Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Code 97900)
Well Location Setback Rules:	Statewide
Spacing Unit	
Type (Horizontal/Vertical)	Horizontal
Size (Acres)	160-acres
Building Blocks:	quarter-quarter
Orientation:	South/North
Description: TRS/County	E/2 W/2 of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Lea County
Standard Horizontal Well Spacing Unit (Y/N), If No, describe and is approval of non-standard unit requested in this application?	Yes.
Other Situations	
Depth Severance: Y/N. If yes, description	No.
Proximity Tracts: If yes, description	No.
Proximity Defining Well: if yes, description	No.
Applicant's Ownership in Each Tract	Exhibit A-3
Well(s)	
Name & API (if assigned), surface and bottom hole location, footages, completion target, orientation, completion status (standard or non-standard)	Add wells as needed
Well #1	Dominator 25 Federal Com 106H (API # 30-025-44696) SHL: 310' FSL & 2002' FWL (Unit N), Section 25, T25S, R33E BHL: 200' FNL & 1650' FWL (Unit C), Section 25, T25S, R33E Completion Target: Bone Spring (Approx. 9600' TVD) Well Orientation Status: Standard

WReceved by OCD: 12/13/2022 2:45:45 PM	Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H (API # 30-025-44703)  SHL: 310' FSL & 2032' FWL (Unit N), Section 25, T25S, R33E  BHL: 200' FNL & 1650' FWL (Unit C), Section 25, T25S, R33E  Completion Target: Second Bone Spring (Approx. 10175' TVD)  Well Orientation Status: Standard	of 42
Horizontal Well First and Last Take Points	Exhibit A-2	
Completion Target (Formation, TVD and MD)	Exhibit A-4	
AFE Capex and Operating Costs		
Drilling Supervision/Month \$	\$8,000.00	
Production Supervision/Month \$	\$800.00	
Justification for Supervision Costs	Exhibit A	
Requested Risk Charge	200%	
Notice of Hearing		
Proposed Notice of Hearing	Exhibit A-1	
Proof of Mailed Notice of Hearing (20 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-1, C-2, C-3	
Proof of Published Notice of Hearing (10 days before hearing)	Exhibit C-4	
Ownership Determination		
Land Ownership Schematic of the Spacing Unit	Exhibit A-3	
Tract List (including lease numbers and owners)	Exhibit A-3	
If approval of Non-Standard Spacing Unit is requested, Tract List (including lease numbers and owners) of Tracts subject to notice requirements.	N/A	
Pooled Parties (including ownership type)	Exhibit A-3	
Unlocatable Parties to be Pooled	Exhibit A-3	
Ownership Depth Severance (including percentage above & below)	N/A	
Joinder		
Sample Copy of Proposal Letter	Exhibit A-4	
List of Interest Owners (ie Exhibit A of JOA)	Exhibit A-3	
Chronology of Contact with Non-Joined Working Interests	Exhibit A-5	
Overhead Rates In Proposal Letter	N/A	
Cost Estimate to Drill and Complete	N/A	
Cost Estimate to Equip Well	N/A	
Cost Estimate for Production Facilities	N/A	
Geology		
Summary (including special considerations)	Exhibit B	
Spacing Unit Schematic	Exhibit B-1, Exhibit B-5	
Gunbarrel/Lateral Trajectory Schematic	N/A	
Well Orientation (with rationale)	Exhibit B	
Target Formation	Exhibit B	
HSU Cross Section	Exhibit B-3, Exhibit B-7	
Depth Severance Discussion	N/A	
Forms, Figures and Tables		
C-102	Exhibit A-2	
Tracts	Exhibit A-3	

Surregary 6 Printer Dist, Whit Reception in the Macts)	Exhibit A-3	Page 5
General Location Map (including basin)	Exhibit B-1, Exhibit B-5	
Well Bore Location Map	Exhibit B-1, Exhibit B-5	
Structure Contour Map - Subsea Depth	Exhibit B-2, Exhibit B-6	
Cross Section Location Map (including wells)	Exhibit B-3, Exhibit B-7	
Cross Section (including Landing Zone)	Exhibit B-4, Exhibit B-8	
Additional Information		
Special Provisions/Stipulations		
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information pro-	vided in this checklist is complete and accurate.	
Printed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	Dana S. Hardy	
Signed Name (Attorney or Party Representative):	/s/ Dana S. Hardy	
Date:	12/12/2022	

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

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

**CASE NO. 23188** 

## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF MICHAEL POTTS

- 1. I am a Staff Land Negotiator for COG Operating LLC ("COG"). I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters addressed herein, and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") and my credentials as an expert in petroleum land matters were accepted and made a matter of record.
- I am familiar with the land matters involved in the above-referenced case. Copies
  of COG's application and proposed hearing notice are attached as Exhibit A-1.
- 3. None of the parties proposed to be pooled in this case indicated opposition to this matter proceeding by affidavit, therefore I do not expect any opposition at hearing.
- 4. COG seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation, Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Pool Code 97900), underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico ("Unit").
  - 5. The Unit will be dedicated to the following wells ("Wells")
    - Dominator 25 Federal Com 106H to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25; and

- Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H to be horizontally drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25.
- 6. The completed interval of the Wells will be orthodox.
- 7. Exhibit A-2 contains the C-102s for the Wells.
- 8. **Exhibit A-3** contains a plat identifying ownership by tract in the Unit. This exhibit also includes any applicable lease numbers, a unit recapitulation, and the interests COG seeks to pool highlighted in yellow. COG is only seeking to pool record title owners, and all of the interests are locatable.
- Exhibit A-4 contains a sample communitization agreement sent to the parties seeking to be pooled.
- 10. COG has conducted a diligent search of all county public records including phone directories and computer databases, as well as internet searches, to locate interest owners it seeks to pool.
- 11. In my opinion, COG made a good-faith effort to reach voluntary joinder of uncommitted interests in the Wells as indicated by the chronology of contact described in **Exhibit A-5**.
- 12. COG requests overhead and administrative rates of \$8,000 per month while the Wells is being drilled and \$800 per month while the Wells is producing. These rates are fair and are comparable to the rates charged by COG and other operators in the vicinity.
- 13. The attached exhibits were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.

- 14. In my opinion, the granting of COG's application would serve the interests of conservation, the protection of correlative rights, and the prevention of waste.
- 15. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in the subject cases. I affirm that my testimony above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date handwritten next to my signature below.

Michael Potts

11/22/2022 Date

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

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

**CASE NO. 23188** 

## **APPLICATION**

Pursuant to NMSA § 70-2-17, COG Operating, LLC (OGRID No. 229137) ("Applicant" or "COG") applies for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation, Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Pool Code 97900), underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico ("Unit"). In support of its application COG states the following:

- 1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the Unit and has the right to drill wells thereon.
  - 2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the Unit to the following wells ("Wells"):
    - The **Dominator 25 Federal Com 106H** well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25; and
    - The **Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H** well, to be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25.
  - 3. The completed interval of the Wells will be orthodox.

- 4. Applicant has undertaken diligent, good-faith efforts to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the Wells but has been unable to obtain voluntary agreements from all interest owners.
- 5. The pooling of uncommitted interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.
- 6. In order to allow Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in the Unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated as the operator of the Wells and Unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 1, 2022, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the Unit;
- B. Approving the Wells in the Unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as operator of the Unit and the 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 supervisions while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rated pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty 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,

HINKLE SHANOR LLP

/s/ Dana S. Hardy
Dana S. Hardy
Jaclyn M. McLean
Yarithza Peña
P.O. Box 2068
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2068
Phone: (505) 982-4554
dhardy@hinklelawfirm.com
jmclean@hinklelawfirm.com
ypena@hinklelawfirm.com
Counsel for COG Operating, LLC

Application of COG Operating, LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring formation, Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Pool Code 97900), underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico ("Unit"). The Unit will be dedicated to the **Dominator 25 Federal Com 106H** and the **Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H** wells ("Wells"), which will be drilled from a surface hole location in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25. The completed interval of the Wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the Wells and the allocation of the cost, the designation of Applicant as the operator of the Wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the Wells. The Wells are located approximately 19 miles west of Jal, New Mexico.

DISTRICT II 811 S. FIRST ST., ARTESIA, NM 88210 Phone: (678) 748-1288 Far (676) 746-4720

State of New Mexico DISTRICT I

1625 N. PRENCE DR. HOBBS, NE 868240 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
Phone (676) 193-6141 Phan (678) 193-6720 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011 Set-mil one copy to appropriate District Office

DISTRICT III 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD., AZTEC, NK 67410 Phone: (605) 334-6178 Pax: (605) 334-6170

☐ AMENDED REPORT

DISTRICT IV 1200 S. ST. PRANCIS DR., SANTA PR. NM 87503 Phone: (505) 476-3460 Pax: (805) 476-3462

		ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT	
API Number 30-025-44696	Pool Code 97900	Spring Shale	
Property Code	Prop	Well Number	
321209	DOMINATOR 2	106H	
OGRID No.	Oper	Elevation	
229137	COG OPE	3336.0'	

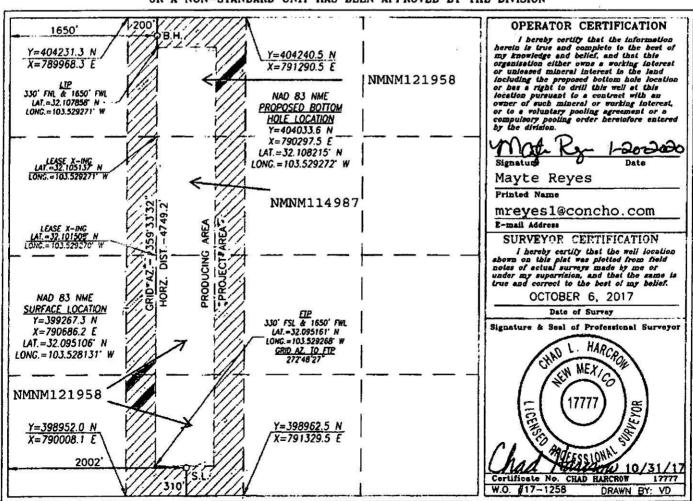
#### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Peet from the	East/West line	County
N	25	25-S	33-E		310'	SOUTH	2002'	WEST	LEA

#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section 25	Township 25-S	Range 33-E	Lot Idn	Feet from the 200'	North/South line NORTH	feet from the 1650'	East/West line WEST	County LEA
Dedicated Acre	Joint o	or Infill Co	nsolidation	Code Or	der No.				
160		1					¥		

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



State of New Mexico DISTRICT I STATE OF New Mexico
1685 N. PERINCE DR., BORBS, NN 68240 Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
Proces. (671) 883-6181 Fast. (676) 333-4714 OIL

CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.

Santa Fe. New Mexico 87505

Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011 Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

AMENDED REPORT

DISTRICT III 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD., AZTEC, NM 87410 Phone: (605) 834-8178 Pax: (505) 834-6170 DISTRICT IV 1920 9: 5T. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FR. NM 67606 PARSE: (605) 476-3460 PAR: (608) 478-3468

	WELL LOCATION AND	ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT
API Number 30-025-44703	Peol Code 97900	Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale
Property Code 321209		perty Name Well Number 25 FEDERAL COM 306H
OCRID No. 229137		rator Name CRATING, LLC 3335.4'

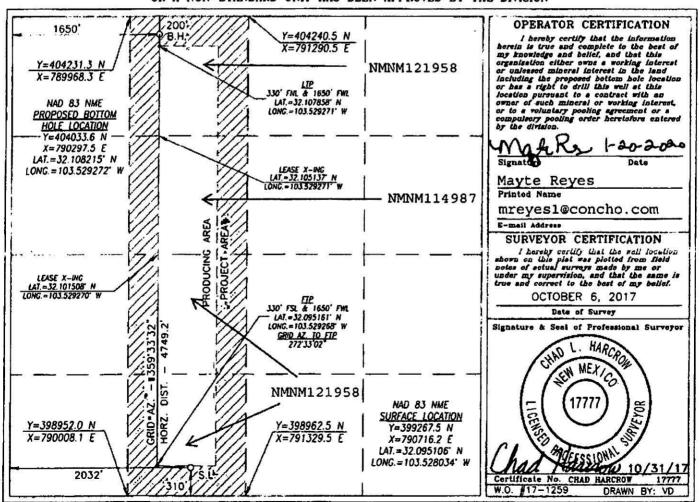
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Peet from the	East/West line	County
N	25	25-S	33-E		310'	SOUTH	2032'	WEST	LEA

#### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

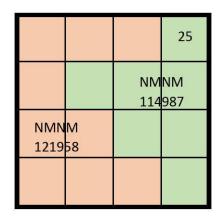
UL or lot No.	Section 25	Township 25-S	Range 33-E	Lot idn	Peet from the 200'	North/South line	Peet from the 1650'	East/West line WEST	County
Dedicated Acres	Joint o	or Infill Co	solidation	Code Or	der No.			<u> </u>	

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



## **Dominator 25 Fed Com**

All of Section 25, T25S, R33E Lea County, New Mexico



## **Unit Working Interest**

COG Operating LLC	47.812500%
Concho Oil & Gas LLC	2.187500%
BAFII Permian, LLC	17.383711%
Petras Energy, LP	0.119531%
Muleshoe Crude, LP	2.250000%
WBA Resources, Ltd.	0.562500%
Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC	0.177188%
Minerva Resources, LLC	1.088438%
Sagebrush Interests, LLC	1.265625%
SRR Permian, LLC	5.020313%
Covenant Natural Resources, LP	0.468439%
Chief Capital (O&G) II, LLC	21.664256%
Total	100.000000%

## <u>Tract 1 – E/2E/2, SW/4NE/4, SE/4NW/4, and NW/4SE/4 of Section 25, T25S, R33E</u>

COG Operating LLC 95.000000% Concho Oil and Gas LLC 5.000000% Total 100.000000%

## Tract 2 - NW/4NE/4, N/2NW/4, SW/4NW/4, SW/4, and SW/4SE/4 of Section 25, T25S, R33E

COG Operating LLC	11.111111%
BAFII Permian, LLC	68.676389%
Petras Energy, LP	0.212500%
Made le Conste ID	4.0000000/

**COG Operating LLC** Muleshoe Crude, LP 4.000000%

Case No. 23188

Exhibit A-3

WBA Resources, Ltd.	1.000000%
Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC	0.315000%
Minerva Resources, LLC	1.935000%
Sagebrush Interests, LLC	2.250000%
SRR Permian, LLC	8.925000%
Covenant Natural Resources, LP	0.832781%
Chief Capital (O&G) II, LLC	0.742219%
Total	100.000000%

## **Pooled Notification List**

## **Working Interest Owners**

All Working Interest Owners have executed the Operating Agreement

## **Unleased Mineral Interest Owners**

None

## **Unratified Overriding Royalty Interest Owners**

None

## **Unmarketable Title**

Minerva Resources, LLC 6321 Campus Circle Dr E Irving, TX 75063

Homebound Resources LLC 6321 Campus Circle Dr E Irving, TX 75063

Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC 9120 Double Diamond Parkway Reno, NV 89521

COG Operating LLC Case No. 23188 Exhibit A-4

## **Federal Communitization Agreement**

C	
Contract No.	

THIS AGREEMENT entered into as of the 1st day of July, 2022, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying, or consenting hereto, such parties being hereinafter referred to as "parties hereto."

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended and supplemented, authorizes communitization or drilling agreements communitizing or pooling a Federal oil and gas lease, or any portion thereof, with other lands, whether or not owned by the United States, when separate tracts under such Federal lease cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well-spacing program for the field or area and such communitization or pooling is determined to be in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto own working, royalty or other leasehold interests, or operating rights under the oil and gas leases and lands subject to this agreement which cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with the well-spacing program established for the field or area in which said lands are located; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to communitize and pool their respective mineral interests in lands subject to this agreement for the purpose of developing and producing communitized substances in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual advantages to the parties hereto, it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The lands covered by this agreement (hereinafter referred to as "communitized area") are described as follows:

## Township 25 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 25: All

Lea County, New Mexico

Containing <u>640.00</u> acres, and this agreement shall include only the <u>Bone Spring</u> pool underlying said lands and the crude oil and associated natural gas (or) oil and gas hereafter referred to as "communitized substances," producible from such pool.

- 2. Attached hereto, and made a part of this agreement for all purposes is Exhibit "A", a plat designating the communitized area and, Exhibit "B", designating the operator of the communitized area and showing the acreage, percentage and ownership of oil and gas interests in all lands within the communitized area, and the authorization, if any, for communitizing or pooling any patented or fee lands within the communitized area.
- 3. The Operator of the communitized area shall be COG Operating LLC, 600 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX, 79701. All matters of operations shall be governed by the operator under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of this agreement. A successor operator may be designated

by the owners of the working interest in the communitized area and four (4) executed copies of a designation of successor operator shall be filed with the Authorized Officer.

- 4. Operator shall furnish the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, with a log and history of any well drilled on the communitized area, monthly reports of operations, statements of oil and gas sales and royalties and such other reports as are deemed necessary to compute monthly the royalty due the United States, as specified in the applicable oil and gas operating regulations.
- 5. The communitized area shall be developed and operated as an entirety, with the understanding and agreement between the parties hereto that all communitized substances produced there from shall be allocated among the leaseholds comprising said area in the proportion that the acreage interest of each leasehold bears to the entire acreage interest committed to this agreement.

All proceeds, 8/8ths, attributed to unleased Federal or Indian lands included within the CA area are to be paid into the appropriate Unleased Lands Account or Indian Trust Account by the designated operator until the land is leased or ownership is established.

- 6. The royalties payable on communitized substances allocated to the individual leases comprising the communitized area and the rentals provided for in said leases shall be determined and paid on the basis prescribed in each of the individual leases. Payments of rentals under the terms of leases subject to this agreement shall not be affected by this agreement except as provided for under the terms and provisions of said leases or as may herein be otherwise provided. Except as herein modified and changed, the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally made and issued. It is agreed that for any Federal lease bearing a sliding- or step-scale rate of royalty, such rate shall be determined separately as to production from each communitization agreement to which such lease may be committed, and separately as to any noncommunitized lease production, provided, however, as to leases where the rate of royalty for gas is based on total lease production per day, such rate shall be determined by the sum of all communitized production allocated to such a lease plus any noncommunitized lease production.
- 7. There shall be no obligation on the lessees to offset any well or wells completed in the same pool as covered by this agreement on separate component tracts into which the communitized area is now or may hereafter be divided, nor shall any lessee be required to measure separately communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership thereof, but the lessees hereto shall not be released from their obligation to protect said communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by a well or wells which may be drilled offsetting said area.
- 8. The commencement, completion, continued operation, or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be construed and considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation, or production on each and all of the lands within and comprising said communitized area, and operations or production pursuant to this agreement shall be deemed to be operations or production as to each lease committed hereto.
- 9. Production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with allocation, allotments, and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory

body under applicable Federal or State statutes. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws or executive orders, rules and regulations, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if such compliance is prevented by, or if such failure results from, compliance with any such laws, orders, rules or regulations.

- 10. The date of this agreement is <u>July 1, 2022</u>, and it shall become effective as of this date or from the onset of production of communitized substances, whichever is earlier upon execution by the necessary parties, notwithstanding the date of execution, and upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior or by his duly authorized representative, and shall remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years and for as long as communitized substances are, or can be, produced from the communitized area in paying quantities: Provided, that prior to production in paying quantities from the communitized area and upon fulfillment of all requirements of the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, with respect to any dry hole or abandoned well, this agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement shall not terminate upon cessation of production if, within 60 days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the communitized area are commenced and are thereafter conducted with reasonable diligence during the period of nonproduction. The 2-year term of this agreement will not in itself serve to extend the term of any Federal lease which would otherwise expire during said period.
- 11. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the communitized interests of the parties hereto and their successors in interests until this agreement terminates and any grant, transfer, or conveyance of any such land or interest subject hereto, whether voluntary or not, shall be and hereby is conditioned upon the assumption of all obligations hereunder by the grantee, transferee, or other successor in interest, and as to Federal land shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative.
- 12. It is agreed between the parties hereto that the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, shall have the right of supervision over all Fee and State mineral operations within the communitized area to the extent necessary to monitor production and measurement, and assure that no avoidable loss of hydrocarbons occur in which the United States has an interest pursuant to applicable oil and gas regulations of the Department of the Interior relating to such production and measurement.
- 13. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and shall extend to and be binding upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.
- 14. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, no one of which needs to be executed by all parties, or may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument, in writing, specifically referring hereto, and shall be binding upon all parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all parties had signed the same document.
- 15. <u>Nondiscrimination.</u> In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the operator agrees to comply with all the provisions of Section 202(1) to (7) inclusive, of Executive

Order 11246 (30F.R.	12319), as	amended,	which a	re hereby	incorporated	by reference	in this
agreement.							

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

WORKING INTEREST OWNER:
LESSEE OF RECORD:
OPERATOR:
COG OPERATING LLC

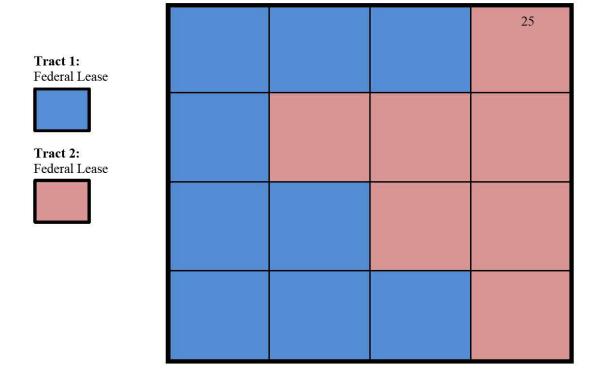
By:
Ryan D. Owen
Attorney-In-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §		
COUNTY OF MIDLAND §		
This instrument was acknowledge	ed before me on the day of	, 20,
by Ryan D. Owen, attorney-in-fact of CO	OG Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liabilit	y company, on behalf
of said company.		
	Notary Public in and for the State	of Texas
	My Commission Expires:	OI I CAUS

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

Plat of communitized area covering **640** acres in the following lands: All of Section 25, T25S – R33E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico Communitized depths are hereby limited to the Bone Spring Pool



### **EXHIBIT "B"**

To Communitization Agreement dated July 1, 2022 embracing the following lands: All of Section 25, T25S, R33E, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico Communitized depths are hereby limited to the Bone Spring Pool Operator of Communitized Area: **COG Operating LLC** 

### DESCRIPTION OF LEASES COMMITTED

### TRACT #1

LEASE 1

Date: Effective May 1, 2009 Term: Ten (10) Years

Recorded: Serial No. NMNM 121958
Lessor: United States of America
Lessee: Newkumet Expl Inc

Lands: Township 25 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M

Section 25: NWNE, N/2NW, SWNW, SW, and SWSE

Number of Acres: 360.00 Royalty Rate: 12.5%

WI Owner Names: COG Operating LLC, Concho Oil and Gas LLC, Petras Energy LP, Muleshoe

Crude, LP, WBA Resources Ltd, Strategic Energy Assets VII LLC, Sagebrush Interests LLC, Chief Capital (O&G) II LLC, SRR Permian LLC, Covenant

Natural Resources LP, and BAFII Permian LLC

ORRI Owners: Of record

### TRACT #2

LEASE 1

Date: Effective December 1, 2005

Term: Ten (10) Years

Recorded: Serial No. NMNM 114987
Lessor: United States of America
Lessee: Marbob Energy Corporation

Lands: Township 25 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M

Section 25: E/2E/2, SWNE, SENW, and NWSE

Number of Acres: 280.00 Royalty Rate: 12.5%

WI Owner Names: COG Operating LLC, Concho Oil and Gas LLC, Petras Energy LP, Muleshoe

Crude, LP, WBA Resources Ltd, Strategic Energy Assets VII LLC, Sagebrush Interests LLC, Chief Capital (O&G) II LLC, SRR Permian LLC, Covenant

Natural Resources LP, and BAFII Permian LLC

ORRI Owners: Of record

## **RECAPITULATION**

Tract No.	No. of Acres Committed	Percentage of Interest In Communitized Area
1	360.00	56.25%
2	280.00	43.75%
Total	640.00	100.00%

Owner Name	Address	<u>City</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Zip</u>	Country	INTEREST TYPE	Date Mailed	<u>Called</u>	<u>Emailed</u>
Minerva Resources, LLC	6321 Campus Circle Dr. E	Irving	TX	75063	US	WI	10/18/22	09/13/22	08/18/22
									08/25/22
									08/29/22
									09/08/22
									09/13/22
									09/30/22
									10/10/22
									10/12/22
									11/03/22
Homebound Resources LLC	6321 Campus Circle Dr. E	Irving	TX	75063	US	WI	10/18/22	09/13/22	08/18/22
	<u> </u>	1							08/25/22
									08/29/22
									09/08/22
									09/13/22
									09/30/22
									10/10/22
									10/12/22
Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC	9120 Double Diamond Parkway	Reno	NV	89521	US	WI	10/18/22	09/13/22	11/03/22
	-								08/25/22
									08/29/22
									09/08/22
									09/13/22
									09/30/22
									10/10/22
									10/12/22
									11/03/22

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

APPLICATIONS OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NOS. 23188 - 23191

## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF CODY BACON

- 1. I am a geologist for COG Operating LLC ("COG"). I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the matters addressed hearing, and am competent to provide this Self-Affirmed Statement. I have previously testified before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), and my credentials as an expert in petroleum geology matters were accepted and made a matter of record.
  - 2. I am familiar with the geological matters that pertain to the above-referenced case.
- 3. Exhibit B-1 is a location map of the proposed horizontal spacing units for the Avalon wells included in COG's applications the Dominator 25 Federal Com 104H, Dominator 25 Federal Com 106H, Dominator 25 Federal Com 404H, and Dominator 25 Federal Com 406H. The wellbore paths are pointed out by text boxes. Existing producing wells in the targeted interval are represented by solid green lines.
- 4. **Exhibit B-2** is a subsea structure map for the top of the Bone Spring formation that is representative of the targeted intervals. The data points are indicated by red crosses. The approximate wellbore paths of the Avalon wells are pointed out by text boxes. The map demonstrates the formation is gently dipping to the east-southeast in this area. I do not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or geologic impediments to developing the targeted intervals with horizontal wells.

- 5. **Exhibit B-3** is a cross section map that identifies three wells penetrating the targeted intervals for the Avalon wells that I used to construct a stratigraphic cross-section from A to A'. I used these well logs because they penetrate the targeted intervals, are of good quality, and are representative of the geology in the area.
- 6. **Exhibit B-4** is a stratigraphic cross-section using the representative wells identified on Exhibit B-3. It contains gamma ray, resistivity and porosity logs. The proposed landing zones for the wells are labeled on the exhibit. This cross-section demonstrates the target intervals are continuous across the Unit.
- 7. Exhibit B-5 is a location map of the proposed horizontal spacing units for the Second Bone Spring wells included in COG's applications the Dominator 25 Federal Com 304H and Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H. The wellbore paths are pointed out by text boxes. Existing producing wells in the targeted interval are represented by solid orange lines.
- 8. **Exhibit B-6** is a subsea structure map for the base of the Second Bone Spring formation that is representative of the targeted intervals. The data points are indicated by red crosses. The approximate wellbore paths of the Second Bone Spring wells are pointed out by text boxes. The map demonstrates the formation is gently dipping to the east-southeast in this area. I do not observe any faulting, pinch-outs, or geologic impediments to developing the targeted intervals with horizontal wells.
- 9. **Exhibit B-7** is a cross section map that identifies three wells penetrating the targeted intervals for the Second Bone Spring wells that I used to construct a stratigraphic cross-section from B to B'. I used these well logs because they penetrate the targeted intervals, are of good quality, and are representative of the geology in the area.

continuous across the Unit.

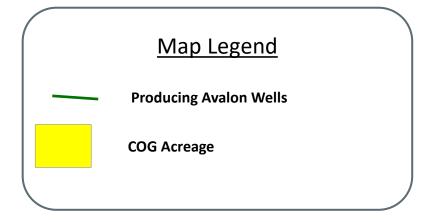
- 10. Exhibit B-8 is a stratigraphic cross-section using the representative wells identified on Exhibit B-7. It contains gamma ray, resistivity and porosity logs, The proposed landing zones for the wells are labeled on the exhibit. This cross-section demonstrates the target intervals are
- 11. In my opinion, a standup orientation for the wells is appropriate to properly develop the subject acreage because of consistent rock properties throughout the units and the lack of preferred fracture orientation in this portion of the trend.
- 12. Based on my geologic study of the area, the targeted interval underlying the units is suitable for development by horizontal wells and the tracts comprising the units will contribute more or less equally to the production of the wells.
- 13. In my opinion, the granting of COG's application will serve the interests of conservation, the protection of correlative rights, and the prevention of waste.
- 14. The attached exhibits were either prepared by me or under my supervision or were compiled from company business records.
- 15. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in this case. I affirm my testimony above is true and correct and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date identified next to my signature below.

M. Cody Bacon

12-8-2022

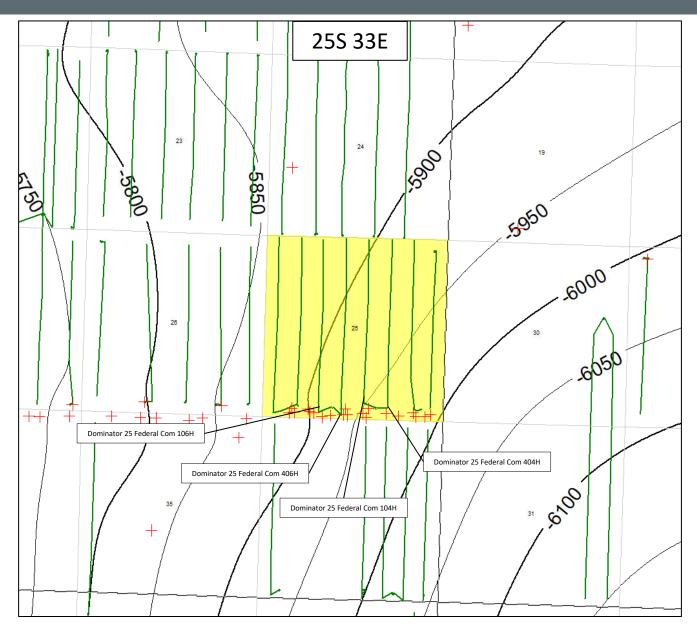
## Dominator 25 Federal Com 104H, 106H, 404H, and 406H

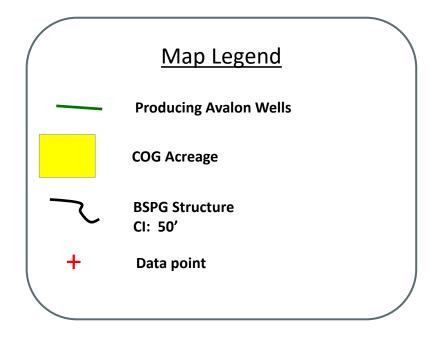




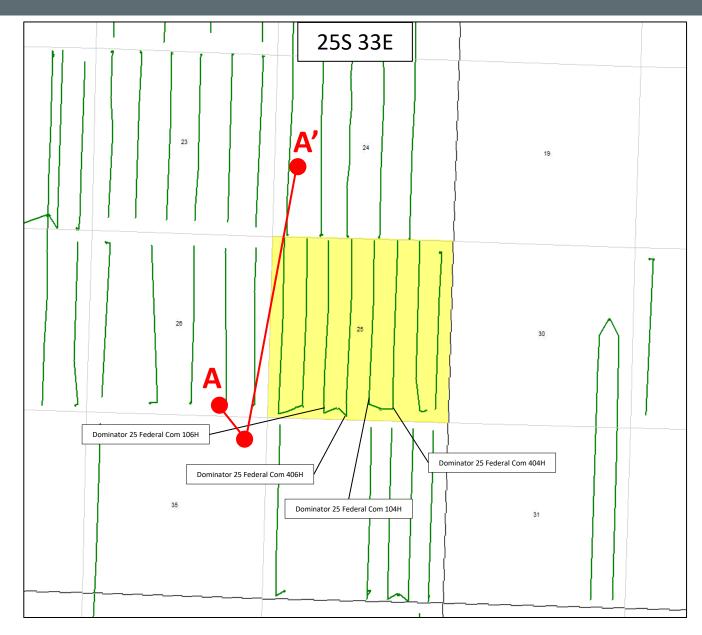


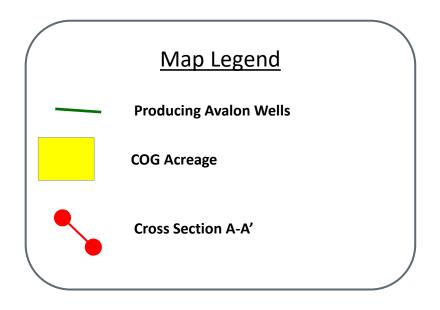
## Dominator 25 Federal Com 104H, 106H, 404H, and 406H - BSPG Structure Map



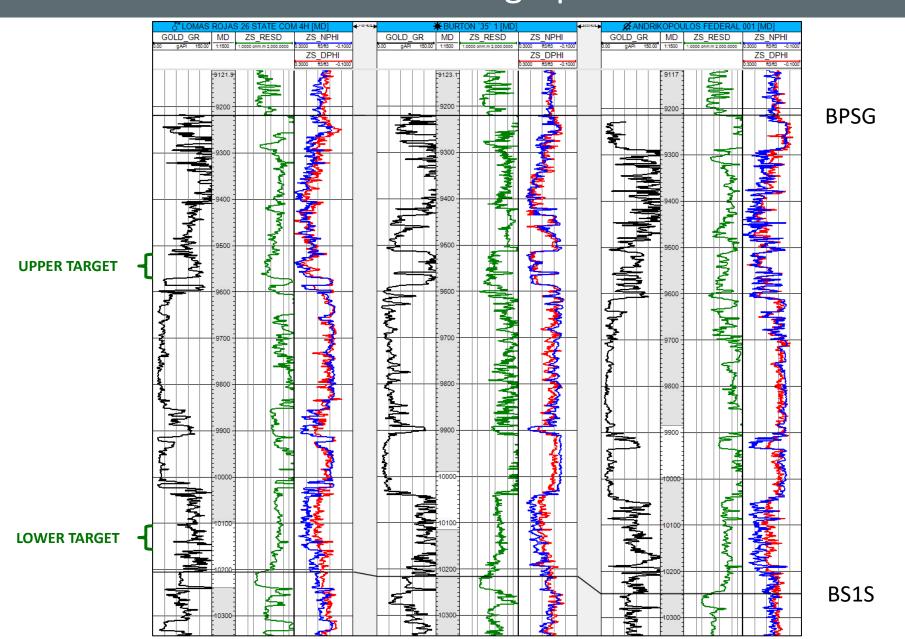


## Dominator 25 Federal Com 104H, 106H, 404H, and 406H - Cross Section Map Page 30 of 42

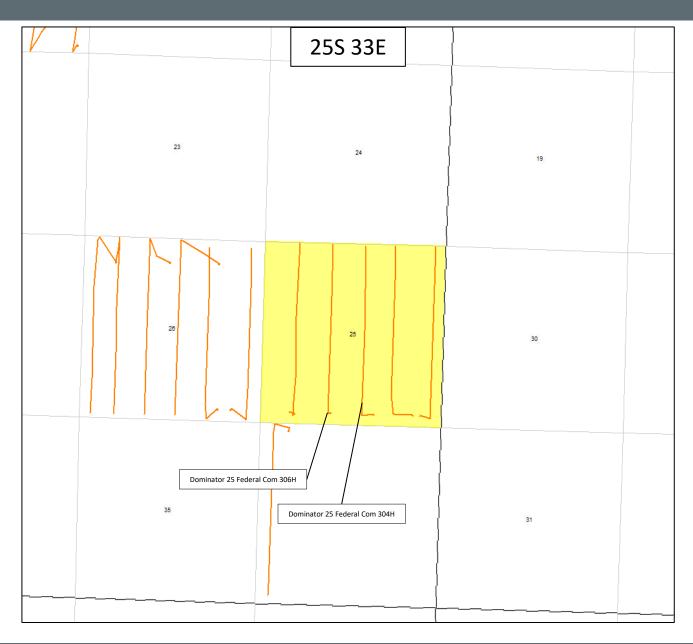


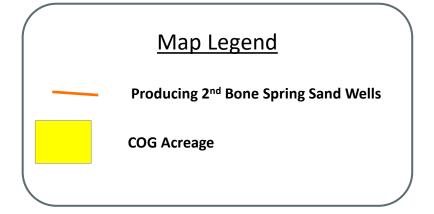


## Dominator 25 Federal Com - Stratigraphic Cross Section A – A'

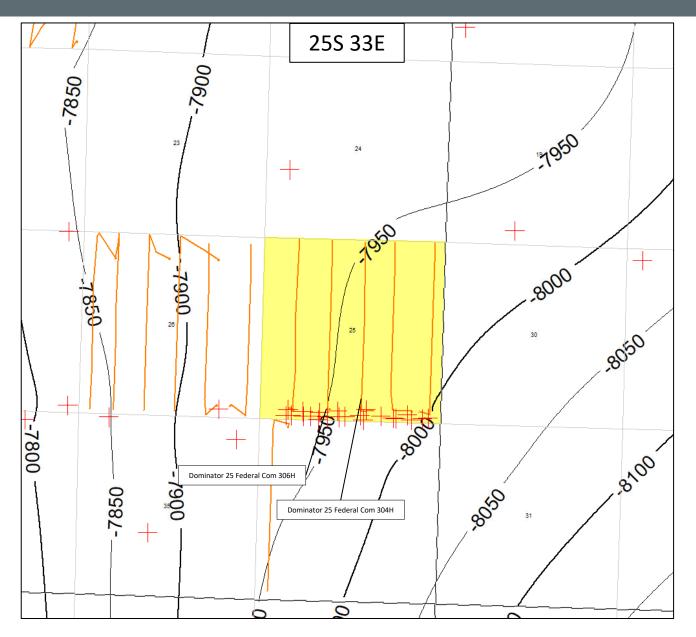


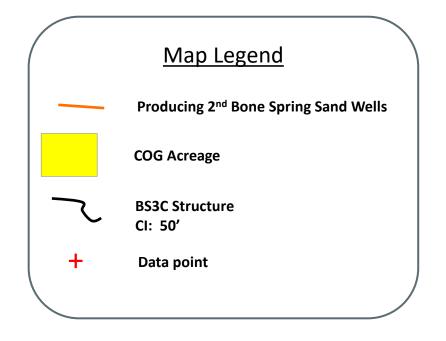
## Dominator 25 Federal Com 304H and 306H



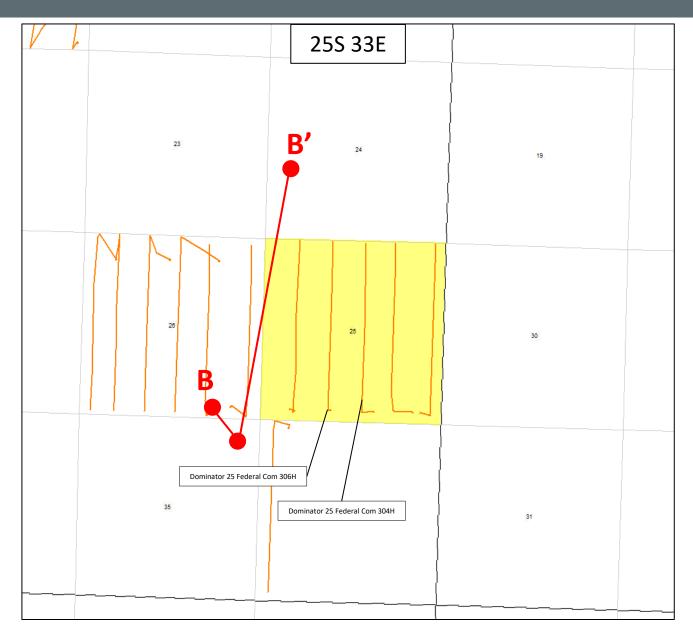


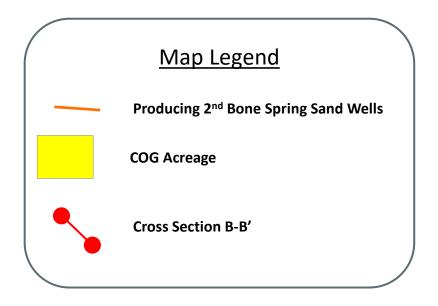
## Dominator 25 Federal Com 304H and 306H – BS3C Structure Map



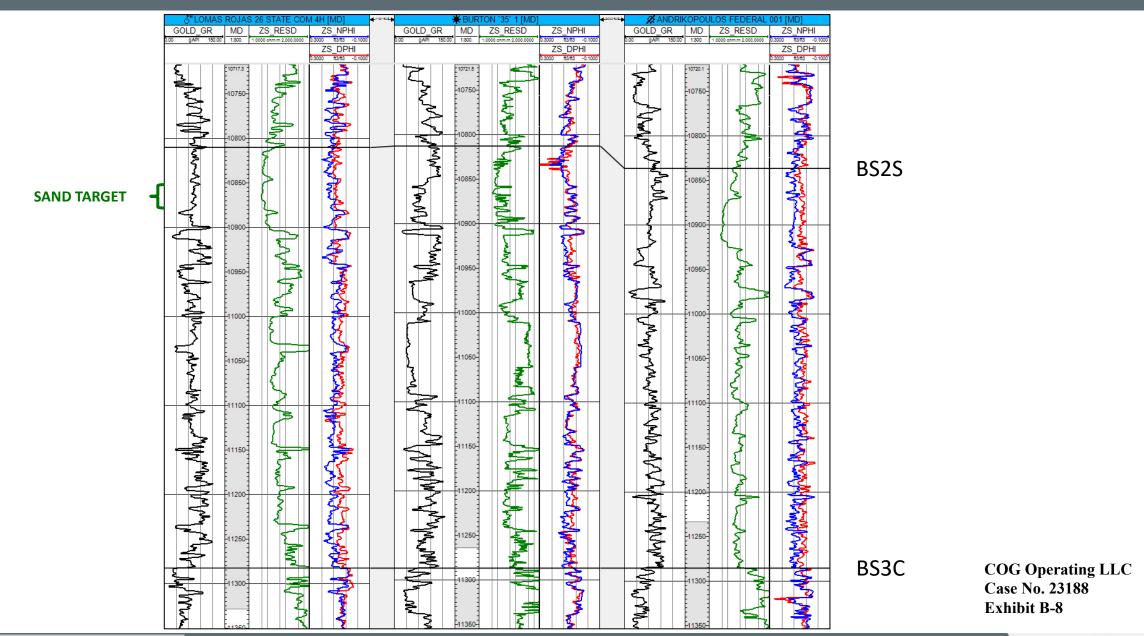


## Dominator 25 Federal Com 304H and 306H - Cross Section Map





## Dominator 25 Federal Com - Stratigraphic Cross Section B – B'



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

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

**CASE NO. 23188** 

## SELF-AFFIRMED STATEMENT OF DANA S. HARDY

- 1. I am the attorney in fact and authorized representative of COG Operating LLC, the Applicant herein.
- 2. I am familiar with the Notice Letter attached as **Exhibit C-1** and caused the Notice Letter to be sent to the parties set out in the chart attached as **Exhibit C-2**.
- 3. The above-referenced Application was provided, along with the Notice Letters, to the recipients listed in Exhibit C-2.
- 4. Exhibit C-2 also provides the date each Notice Letter was sent and the date each return was received.
- 5. Copies of the certified mail green cards and white slips are attached as **Exhibit C-3** as supporting documentation for proof of mailing and the information provided on Exhibit C-2.
- 6. On November 17, 2022, I caused a notice to be published to all interested parties in the Hobbs News-Sun. An Affidavit of Publication from the Legal Clerk of the Hobbs News-Sun, along with a copy of the notice publication, is attached as **Exhibit C-4**.
- 7. I understand this Self-Affirmed Statement will be used as written testimony in the subject cases. I affirm that my testimony above is true and correct and it made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico. My testimony is made as of the date handwritten next to my signature below.

/s/ Dana S. Hardy
Dana S. Hardy

<u>December 12, 2022</u>

Date



## HINKLE SHANOR LLP

## ATTORNEYS AT LAW

P.O. BOX 2068 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 505-982-4554 (FAX) 505-982-8623

WRITER: Dana S. Hardy, Partner dhardy@hinklelawfirm.com

November 8, 2022

## <u>VIA CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

#### TO ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO NOTICE

Re: Case Nos. 23188, 23189, 23190, and 23191 - Applications of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to advise you that the enclosed applications were filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. The hearing will be conducted on **December 1**, **2022** beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Hearings are currently conducted remotely. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/</a>. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B, a party who intends to present evidence at the hearing shall file a pre-hearing statement and serve copies on other parties, or the attorneys of parties who are represented by counsel, at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. The statement must be submitted through the OCD E-Permitting system (<a href="https://www.apps.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ocdpermitting/">https://www.apps.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ocdpermitting/</a>) or via e-mail to ocd.hearings@emnrd.nm.gov and should include: the names of the parties and their attorneys, a concise statement of the case, the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing, the approximate time the party will need to present its case, and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michael Potts at (432) 253-4542 if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincoraly

Sincerery,	
/s/ Dana S. Hardy Dana S. Hardy	COG Operating LLC Case No. 23188

Enclosure

PO BOX 10 ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88202 (575) 622-6510 FAX (575) 623-9332 7601 JEFFERSON ST NE · SUITE 180 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87109 505-858-8320 (FAX) 505-858-8321 PO BOX 2068 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 982-4554 FAX (505) 982-8623

Exhibit C-1



## HINKLE SHANOR LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
P.O. BOX 2068
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504
505-982-4554 (FAX) 505-982-8623

WRITER: Dana S. Hardy, Partner dhardy@hinklelawfirm.com

November 23, 2022

## <u>VIA CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

#### TO ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO NOTICE

Re: Case Nos. 23188, 23189, 23190, and 23191 - Applications of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to advise you that the enclosed applications were filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. The hearing will be conducted on **December 15, 2022** beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Hearings are currently conducted remotely. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website: <a href="https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/">https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/</a>. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.4.13.B, a party who intends to present evidence at the hearing shall file a pre-hearing statement and serve copies on other parties, or the attorneys of parties who are represented by counsel, at least four business days in advance of a scheduled hearing, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time, on the Thursday preceding the scheduled hearing date. The statement must be submitted through the OCD E-Permitting system (<a href="https://www.apps.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ocdpermitting/">https://www.apps.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ocdpermitting/</a>) or via e-mail to ocd.hearings@emnrd.nm.gov and should include: the names of the parties and their attorneys, a concise statement of the case, the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing, the approximate time the party will need to present its case, and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michael Potts at (432) 253-4542 if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dana S. Hardy
Dana S. Hardy

Enclosure

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

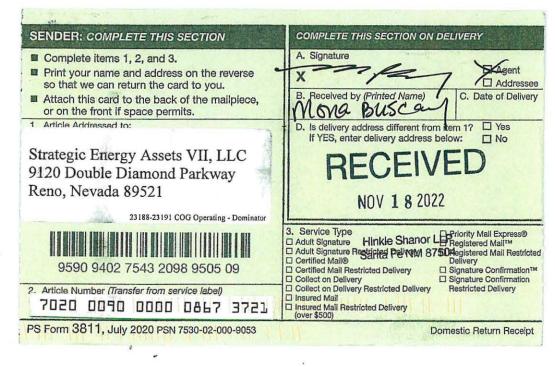
APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 23188-23191

## **NOTICE LETTER CHART**

PARTY	NOTICE LETTER SENT	RETURN RECEIVED
Homebound Resources LLC	11/08/22	Per USPS Tracking
6321 Campus Circle Dr E		(Last Checked 12/08/22):
Irving, Texas 75063		
		11/16/22 -
		Item in transit to next
		facility.
Minerva Resources, LLC	11/23/22	Per USPS Tracking
6321 Campus Circle Dr E		(Last Checked 12/08/22):
Irving, TX 75063		
		12/08/22 -
		Item processing at USPS
		Destination Facility.
Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC	11/08/22	11/18/22
9120 Double Diamond Parkway		
Reno, Nevada 89521		





	CERTIFIED MAIL® RECEIPT  Domestic Mail Only
	For delivery information, visit our website at www.usps.com®.
	OFFICIAL-USE
0	Certified Mail Fee
	Extra Services & Fees (check box, add fee as appropriate)    Return Receipt (inardcopy) \$   Return Receipt (electronic) \$   Certified Mail Restricted Delivery \$   Adult Signature Required \$   Adult Signature Restricted Delivery \$
\$	Postage S Fotal Postage and Fees
49 03	Minerva Resources, LLC
ć	Irving, TX 75063

## **Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LEA

I, Daniel Russell, Publisher of the Hobbs News-Sun, a newspaper published at Hobbs, New Mexico, solemnly swear that the clipping attached hereto was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper, and not a supplement thereof for a period of 1 issue(s).

> Beginning with the issue dated November 17, 2022 and ending with the issue dated November 17, 2022.

Publisher

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 17th day of November 2022.

e Black

Business Manager

My commission expires January 29, 2023 (Seal)

GUSSIE BLACK
Notary Public - State of New Mexico
Commission # 1087526
My Comm. Expires Jan 29, 2023

This newspaper is duly qualified to publish legal notices or advertisements within the meaning of Section 3, Chapter 167, Laws of 1937 and payment of fees for said

#### LEGAL NOTICE November 17, 2022

This is to notify all interested parties, including Homebound Resources LLC; Strategic Energy Assets VII, LLC; and their successors and assigns, that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division will conduct a hearing on an application submitted by COG Operating LLC ("COG") (Case No. 23188). The hearing will be conducted remotely on December 1, 2022, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To participate in the electronic hearing, see the instructions posted on the OCD Hearings website for that date https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/hearing-info/Applicant applies for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation, Red Hills; Upper Bone Spring Shale Pool (Pool Code 97900), underlying a 160-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2 W/2 of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico ("Unit"). The Unit will be dedicated to the following wells: Dominator 25 Federal Com 306H, to be horizontally drilled from surface hole locations in the SE/4 SW/4 (Unit N) of Section 25 to bottom hole locations in the NE/4 NW/4 (Unit C) of Section 25. The completed interval of the wells will be orthodox. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost, the designation of COG as the operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells. The wells are located approximately 19 miles west of Jal, New Mexico.

02107475

GILBERT HINKLE, SHANOR LLP PO BOX 2068 SANTA FE, NM 87504 00273171