

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

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

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

COG Operating LLC (“COG” or “Applicant”) (OGRID No. 229137), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application with the Oil Conservation Division for an order pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit comprised of the W2E2 of Sections 23 and 26, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of this 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 spacing unit to the proposed **Nightjar State Com 701H** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of section 26, with a first take point in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of section 26 and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 23.
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 allow Applicant to obtain a just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste, and will protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 7, 2023, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the proposed horizontal well 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 well;
- 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 well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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CASE _____: **Application of COG Operating LLC for Compulsory Pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W2E2 of Sections 23 and 26, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said unit will be initially dedicated to the proposed **Nightjar State Com 701H** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SE4 of section 26, with a first take point in the SW4SE4 (Unit O) of section 26 and a last take point in the NW4NE4 (Unit B) of Section 23. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well, 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 the well. Said area is located approximately 24 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.