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COG Operating, LLC
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Administrative Order NSL-6434
Administrative Application Reference No. pWVJ11-19462300

COG Operating, LLC
OGRID 229137
Skelly Unit Well No. 725
API No. 30-015-38378

Proposed Location:

	<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
Surface	2585 FSL & 1290 FEL	I	21	17S	31E	Eddy
Penetration Point	2430 FNL & 1544 FEL	G	21	17S	31E	Eddy
Terminus	2310 FNL & 1650 FEL	G	21	17S	31E	Eddy

Proposed Project Area:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
SW/4 NE/4 Sec. 21	40	Fren Glorieta-Yeso	26770

Reference is made to your application received on July 13, 2011.

You have requested to drill this directional well at an unorthodox oil well location described above in the referenced pool or formation. This location is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A [19.15.15.9.A NMAC], which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary, and Rule 15.16.14.B(2) [19.15.16.14.B(2) NMAC] concerning directional wells in designated project areas. This location is unorthodox because portions of the proposed producing area are less than 330 feet from an outer boundary of the project area.

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Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NMAC] and 4.12.A(2) [19.15.4.12.A(2) NMAC].

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location in order to reach the desired bottom hole location from an available surface location.

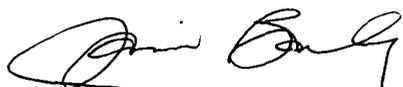
It is also understood that notice to offsetting owners or operators is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B, the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to, Division Rule 5.9 [19.15.5.9 NMAC].

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jami" and last name "Bailey" clearly distinguishable.

Jami Bailey
Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
United States Bureau of Land Management