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October 23, 2012

COG Operating, LLC
Attn: Ms. Kelly J. Holly

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-STANDARD LOCATION ORDER

Administrative Order NSL-6697
Administrative Application Reference No. pDKB1229150900

COG Operating LLC
OGRID 229137
Empire State Well No. 4
API No. 30-015-40655

Proposed Location:

<u>Footages</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
1560 FNL & 470 FWL	E	23	17S	28E	Eddy

Proposed Unit:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Pool Code</u>
SW/4 NW/4 of Section 23	40	Empire; Glorieta-Yeso	96210

Reference is made to your application received on October 17, 2012.

You have requested to drill or re-complete this 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. This location is less than 330 feet from a unit boundary.

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 to avoid interference with an existing road.

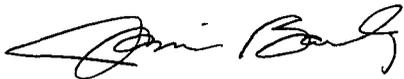
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

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 [19.15.15.9 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
New Mexico State Land Office