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November 12, 2008

COG Operating, LLC
Attn: Ms. Robyn Odom
Fasken Center, Tower II
550 West Texas Ave., Suite 1300
Midland, TX 79701

Administrative Order NSL-5960

Re: Skelly Unit Well No. 616
API No. 30-015
1150 feet FNL and 1150 feet FWL
Unit D, Section 23-17S-31E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms Odom:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKVR08-28957324**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 14, 2008, and

(b) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

COG Operating, LLC (COG) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The NW/4 NW/4 of Section 23 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the Fren-Glorieta/Yeso Pool (26770). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), 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 the southern and eastern unit boundaries.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location for engineering reasons, in order to prevent waste by efficiently draining this pool.



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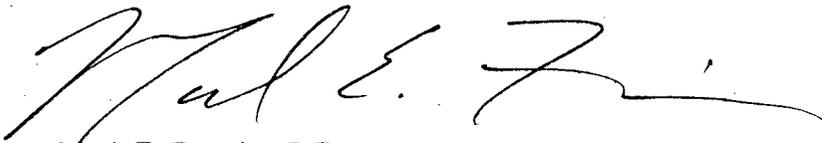
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting owners and operators is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), 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 40.

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 "Mark E. Fesmire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

MEF/db

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