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May 31, 2011

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

Administrative Order NSL-6381

**Re: Dodd Federal Unit Well No. 579
API No. 30-025
1040 feet FSL & 1060 feet FEL
Unit P, Section 10-17S-29E
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Holly:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pTGW11-11931834**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 29, 2011, and

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

COG Operating, LLC [OGRID 229137] (COG) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The SE/4 SE/4 of Section 10 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre oil spacing and proration unit in the Grayburg Jackson Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres-Glorieta-Yeso Pool (97558). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9 [19.15.15.9 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 the northern and western unit boundaries.

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Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 [19.15.15.13 NAMC] 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 well.

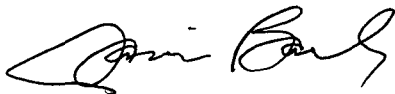
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.B [19.15.15.13.B NMAC], 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", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jami Bailey
Director

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