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

APPLICATION OF ADVANCE ENERGY PARTNERS HAT MESA, LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Case Nos. 16095, 16096 & 1609

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## **MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

COG Operating LLC ("COG") hereby seeks a continuance of the hearings on the above referenced applications from the May 31, 2018 Oil Conservation Division Examiner Hearing docket to the Examiner Hearing docket scheduled for June 28, 2018 and in support of this motion states:

- 1. COG is a working interest owner in the acreage which is subject to each of the above-referenced applications and owns interests which Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa LLC ("Advance") seeks to compulsory pool in each of these cases.
- 2. COG and Advance have different plans for the development of the Bone Spring formation under the non-standard spacing and proration units which Advance proposes to pool in these cases.
- 3. COG entered its appearances in each of these cases on April 23, 2018 and on April 24, 2018 Advance requested the hearings on these applications be continued to the May 31, 2018 examiner hearing docket.
- 4. The parties have been engaged in negotiations concerning the development of these properties and COG believes they have reached an agreement which should resolve all issues between the parties in these cases.

5. Since this agreement cannot be executed prior to the May 31, 2018 Examiner Hearing, COG proposed a continuance to enable the parties time to finalize the language of this agreement and secure its execution.

6. COG is unaware of any lease expirations or operational issues which would prejudice any of the parties if this continuance is granted.

7. This is the first continuance which COG has requested in these cases and submits that granting this Motion will avoid unnecessary hearings on these applications.

8. If a voluntarily agreement cannot be reached with Advance, COG will be required to file competing compulsory pooling applications covering these spacing units to assure all issues concerning the development of these lands can be presented to the Division in one hearing.

9. Advance does not concur in this Motion for Continuance.

10. COG requests an opportunity to argue this motion to the Division. J. Scott Hall, attorney for Advance, and I are available to argue this motion on Tuesday May, 29, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following counsel of record by electronic mail on May 25, 2018:

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