

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR A
NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE NO. 14882

APPLICATION

COG OPERATING LLC, (“COG”) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit S/2 S/2 of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying this acreage to form a 160-acre, more or less, project area in this formation. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG (OGRID #217955) is a working interest owner in the proposed non-standard spacing unit in Section 31, and has the right to drill thereon.
2. COG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed Big Girl 31 State 11H Well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location 615 feet from the South line and 10 feet from the West line (Lot 4) to a bottom hole location 330 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 31. The completed interval for this well will be at a standard location as required by the rules.

3. COG has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

4. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit COG to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests in this non-standard spacing unit should be pooled and COG Operating LLC should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, COG Operating LLC requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 9, 2012, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order:

- A. Creating a non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Yeso formation comprised of Units M and P of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating COG Operating LLC operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing COG Operating LLC to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;

- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by COG Operating LLC in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 31, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed Big Girl 31 State 1H Well to be horizontally drilled from a surface location 615 feet from the South line and 10 feet from the West line (Lot 4) to a bottom hole location 330 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 31. The completed interval for this well will be at a standard location as required by the rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of COG Operating LLC as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 12 miles Southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.