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5 BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
6 THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

6 APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING, Consolidated Cases
7 LLC FOR A NONSTANDARD SPACING 14866, 14867
8 AND PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY
9 POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

9 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

10 EXAMINER HEARING

11 BEFORE: RICHARD EZEANYIM, Technical Examiner
12 DAVID K. BROOKS, Legal Examiner

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14 Santa Fe, New Mexico

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16 Mexico Oil Conservation Division, RICHARD EZEANYIM,
17 Technical Examiner, and DAVID K. BROOKS, Legal
18 Examiner, on Monday, June 25, 2012, at the New
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1 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: We'll call Case Number
2 14866, application of COG Operating, LLC, for a
3 nonstandard spacing and proration unit and
4 compulsory pooling in Eddy County, New Mexico.

5 I call for appearances.

6 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

7 Just to be clear, are we also calling
8 14867 together.

9 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Yes. If you'll go ahead
10 and enter your appearance in 14866, and then we'll
11 call 14867.

12 MR. RANKIN: Thank you.

13 Adam Rankin, with Holland & Hart in
14 Santa Fe, on behalf COG Operating.

15 I have two witnesses.

16 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay.

17 At this time we will also call Case Number
18 14867, application of COG Operating, LLC, for a
19 nonstandard spacing and proration unit and
20 compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

21 I call for appearances.

22 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

23 Adam Rankin, with Holland & Hart,
24 Santa Fe, on behalf of COG Operating. We also have
25 two witnesses.

1 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. Are there any
2 other appearances in either of these cases?

3 Very good.

4 Mr. Rankin, do I understand that you are
5 moving to consolidate Cases 14866 and 14867 for the
6 purpose of the hearing?

7 MR. RANKIN: Just for purposes of
8 providing testimony, yes.

9 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Very good. Case Numbers
10 14866 and 14867 will be consolidated for purposes of
11 hearing.

12 And would your witnesses please stand and
13 identify themselves.

14 MR. RANKIN: One item. On the witness
15 list, the two witnesses that we are presenting today
16 are different than those who are on the prehearing
17 statements. In case of the Grant, it's not going to
18 be Davis Armor, it will be Katie Mohebkhosravi.

19 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: In view of the fact that
20 no one else entered an appearance, I would assume
21 there is no objection.

22 MR. RANKIN: That's the case also with the
23 geologist as well.

24 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Very good. You have, I
25 assume, given cards to the reporter.

1 Very good.

2 (Witnesses sworn.)

3 MR. RANKIN: Thank you. I call my first
4 witness, Ms. Katie Moheb.

5 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Proceed.

6 KATIE MOHEB,

7 after having been first duly sworn under oath,
8 was questioned and testified as follows:

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. RANKIN:

11 Q. For the record, could you please state
12 your name?

13 A. Yes. My name is Katayoun Mohebkhosravi.
14 But for simplicity's sake at the hearing, I'll go by
15 Katie Moheb.

16 Q. And by whom are you employed?

17 A. I'm employed by Concho.

18 Q. And where do you reside?

19 A. Midland, Texas.

20 Q. And have you previously testified before
21 the division as a -- as a landman in petroleum
22 matters?

23 A. Yes, I have.

24 Q. And have your credentials as a petroleum
25 landman been accepted before the division?

1 A. Yes, they have.

2 Q. Are you familiar with the applications
3 that are filed in these two cases?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And are you familiar with the lands and
6 the status of the lands in these two cases?

7 A. Yes. In both cases they are Fee.

8 Q. Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I would like to
10 tender Ms. Moheb as an expert in petroleum land
11 matters.

12 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: So qualified.

13 MR. RANKIN: Thank you.

14 Because we're doing these cases together,
15 Mr. Examiner, I'm going to be referencing both of
16 these exhibit packets simultaneously, but I will try
17 to be clear when I refer to one or the other.

18 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay.

19 Q. (By Mr. Rankin) Ms. Moheb, could you
20 please turn to what has been marked as Exhibit 1 in
21 both application packets?

22 A. (Witness complies.)

23 Q. And please review for the Examiners what
24 this shows.

25 A. Okay. Well, in both cases it is a map

1 showing our leasehold. It's also going to show our
2 bottom hole and service hole locations as well as
3 the Yeso wells in the surrounding area.

4 In the Bradley 8 Fee, it's going to show
5 where the 2H is located.

6 And it also shows, as I mentioned before,
7 the leasehold in Section 8, where we are requesting
8 a nonstandard 160-acre spacing unit, which is
9 comprised on the east half of the west half of
10 Section 8. And that's in Township 19 south, Range
11 26 east.

12 And we're also requesting pooling all --
13 all the minerals in that interest in the Yeso
14 formation underlying that area.

15 Q. In the case of the Bradley -- rather in
16 the case of the Grant 2 Fee, you're requesting the
17 same, that the -- that all interest be pooled in the
18 Yeso formation?

19 A. Yes. In the case of the Grant, it shows
20 the exact same thing: Our leasehold, the surface
21 hole, and bottom hole location.

22 And, yes, we are requesting a nonstandard
23 180-acre spacing unit. In this case, it's comprised
24 in the west half of the east half of Section 2 in
25 Township 19, Range 26 east.

1 Q. And in addition to seeking the pooling of
2 all interests in the Yeso formation, we're also
3 seeking that COG be designated operator of the
4 wells. Is that correct?

5 A. Yes, that's true.

6 Q. And as you mentioned earlier, that both
7 the lands in this -- both applications are Fee
8 lands. Is that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And behind exhibit number -- the first
11 page of Exhibit Number 1, on both exhibits is an
12 ownership by interest. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes. They're broken down -- if you will
14 see on the Bradley, it's broken down by tract. And
15 then on the back page it shows for the entire area,
16 for that whole east half of the west half, each --
17 each interest owner.

18 Q. How many interest owners shown on these
19 pages of Exhibit Number 1 in both cases remain
20 uncommitted to the proposed wells?

21 A. On -- for the Bradley 8 it's going to be
22 three different parties. It's going to be DMD, LLC,
23 and two other unleased owners which are Dominique
24 Letezio (phonetic) and Carol Sue Sanford Garrett
25 (phonetic).

1 And in the case for the Grant 2 Fee Number
2 3H, we have two. And it is DMD, LLC, and B&G
3 Royalties, which is associated with DMD, LLC.

4 Q. Thank you, Ms. Moheb.

5 Turning to the next exhibit on each
6 packet, which is Exhibit Number 2, is this a copy of
7 the well proposal letter, a sample of the well
8 proposal letter that was sent out to each of the
9 interest owners?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And turning to page -- the next page
12 behind that, is that also a copy of the AFD that was
13 provided?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Aside from signing the well proposal
16 letters to each of the interest owners, what efforts
17 has COG taken to obtain the voluntary agreement of
18 the interest owners in these proposed units?

19 A. Well, we have contacted them -- our
20 brokers have contacted them, anyone who is unleased,
21 and we have made our best estimates to contact, you
22 know, the companies who remain uncommitted at this
23 time. In both cases I believe it's -- we just
24 haven't reached an agreement.

25 Q. Thank you.

1 Looking at the AFD, are your costs
2 presented here consistent with what COG has incurred
3 for drilling other wells in the area, similar?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And has COG made an estimate of the
6 overhead and administrative costs of well drilling
7 as well, and also operating, should it be
8 successful?

9 A. Yes. Well drilling, it's going to be
10 5,500. And well producing, it's going to be 550.

11 Q. And are these costs consistent with what
12 COG has paid for other wells, horizontal wells, in
13 the area?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And does COG request that these figures be
16 incorporated into any order that results from this
17 hearing?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And does COG also request that these
20 figures be adjusted annually in accordance with
21 procedures?

22 A. Yes, we do.

23 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: And what were those
24 figures again, please?

25 THE WITNESS: It was 5,500 well drilling

1 and 550 well producing. And this is consistent with
2 all of our wells in the Lakewood area.

3 Q. (By Mr. Rankin) Does COG also request
4 that in accordance with division rules, a 20 percent
5 charge be assessed against all interests that remain
6 uncommitted to the well?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 Now, has COG also brought a geologist to
10 testify regarding the formation of these nonstandard
11 units?

12 A. Yes, we have.

13 Q. And did COG identify the lease mineral
14 interests in the surrounding 40-acre tracts --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- of these nonstandard proration units?

17 A. Yes, we have.

18 Q. And you have noticed them in accordance
19 with the rules of the division?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Turning to Exhibit 3, is this a copy of
22 the affidavit prepared by your attorney of the proof
23 that the notice was provided in accordance with
24 division rules?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And on the following page on both
2 exhibits, is this also a copy of the sample letter
3 that went out to each of those interests, indicating
4 that the hearing was going to be taking place?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And on the subsequent pages is a copy of
7 the list of the interest owners, including offset
8 owners who should be notified?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And in the case of the Bradley, each of
11 those interest owners and offsets were -- received a
12 green card. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes. And all of the Bradleys.

14 Q. And the -- we received one returned notice
15 from Edward H. Judson in the Bradley. Is that
16 correct?

17 A. In the Grant.

18 Q. Oh, in the Grant. Sorry.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Thank you. In the Grant.

21 And that's an address of record?

22 A. Yes, it was. And we have since given them
23 notice. We've published notice.

24 Q. Thank you.

25 Turning the page -- thank you.

1 Ms. Moheb, were exhibits 1 through 3
2 prepared by you or under your supervision?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. RANKIN: Thank you.

5 Mr. Examiner, I would like to tender --
6 move to admit Exhibits 1 through 3.

7 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. Exhibits 1
8 through 3 are admitted.

9 MR. RANKIN: And I pass the witness.

10 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay.

11 Is this in an identified Yeso pool?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is. The Bradley is
13 in the Atoka Glorieta Yeso.

14 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Atoka Glorieta Yeso?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16 And our permits show that the Grant is in
17 the Dayton-Grayburg.

18 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Dayton-Grayburg?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes. That's for the Grant.

20 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. On the Bradley
21 over in Section 8, do I understand correctly there
22 are -- that all interest owners that were served
23 within the unit returned their receipts?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes. We contacted everyone.

25 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. And then there

1 was one who was not contacted in the --

2 THE WITNESS: In the Grant.

3 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: -- in the Grant.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. It was an offset
5 owner.

6 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Oh, an offset owner.

7 MR. RANKIN: Yeah. The Judson interest,
8 Mr. Examiner, was an offset interest owner.

9 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. So there was
10 no --

11 THE WITNESS: No one within the pooled
12 area.

13 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: -- no unserved parties
14 in the --

15 MR. RANKIN: There was one. And it was
16 this -- Ayres, Mary Ayres (phonetic). And we
17 brought up the notice of publication, which is on
18 the last page of Exhibit 3.

19 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. Now, then, I'm
20 confused.

21 Was one of the -- was there a party who
22 owns an interest within the proposed compulsory
23 pooled unit who was not served and did not return --
24 from whom you did not get a return receipt?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes. The Gates party we

1 have an incorrect address. And we corrected it,
2 sent it out, and we have since been in contact with
3 them, and we're leasing them right now.

4 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: That party owns an
5 interest in the --

6 THE WITNESS: In the area, yes. In the
7 pool. But we are leasing them right now. So...

8 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Now, did you attach
9 anywhere for our information a plot of the well
10 which shows the completed interval?

11 MR. RANKIN: Exhibit 7.

12 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: That's Exhibit 7?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Now, is the completed
15 interval intended to be entirely within the --

16 THE WITNESS: Yeso formation.

17 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: -- syntax?

18 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes.

19 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: So there would be no
20 nonstandard location, then?

21 THE WITNESS: No. Just a nonstandard
22 unit.

23 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay.

24 That concludes my questions of this
25 witness.

1 Mr. Ezeanyim?

2 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Why are you
3 asking for a 160-acre proration unit? Did you
4 contact everybody and then some of them refused to
5 participate in joining the well -- from the unit?

6 THE WITNESS: No. We haven't come -- we
7 haven't encountered anyone who has refused to
8 cooperate with us at this point. Anyone that we are
9 pooling, it's -- it's been people that we haven't
10 been able to reach or come to an agreement with yet.

11 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: So you reached
12 an agreement from the unit in the first place
13 forming -- everybody wanted to join in forming that
14 unit, right? The 160 acres, right?

15 THE WITNESS: Well, we proposed it. And
16 then in that area we're proposing 160-acre spacing
17 units.

18 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Everybody wanted
19 to join.

20 THE WITNESS: Exactly. But DMD, LLC, it's
21 the working interest owner, really the company that
22 we've had difficult -- we've had difficulty
23 contacting.

24 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. I see.
25 Because if everybody wanted to join and some people

1 didn't want to -- well, drilling the wells, that way
2 you would have to come in for a -- that's why I made
3 the announcement in the morning. That if you reach
4 an agreement you don't need, really, to come to a
5 hearing.

6 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

7 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: And that's what
8 I'm trying to explore here, what effort you made to
9 be able to have everybody join in the drilling of
10 the well or participate in drilling of the well.

11 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

12 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: So if you do
13 that, all you have to do is to form -- you know,
14 sign a C-102 to the difference, and then you won't
15 have to come here.

16 So I'm wondering what effort you made to
17 avoid that.

18 THE WITNESS: Well, we made the effort of
19 proposing the well and giving them notice and
20 attempting to contact them in order to make an
21 agreement outside of the forced pooling.

22 But we found it necessary to come here for
23 forced pooling, specifically for our drilling
24 schedule and our drilling plans, just to speed up
25 the process.

1 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. Let me
2 get your pool. Bradley is in what pool?

3 THE WITNESS: In the Atoka Glorieta Yeso.

4 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. Is there
5 a special pool covering that?

6 THE WITNESS: Not that I know of.

7 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Is that on --

8 THE WITNESS: That's what's on the permit.

9 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. I know
10 that's what -- but I wanted to see, because we have
11 a lot of special pools for the Yeso. So I was
12 wondering whether this is part of some of it. But
13 if it's not, then it's not, and everybody is guided
14 by the state-wide rules, right? Is that what you're
15 saying, state-wide rules?

16 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, it's not
17 any kind of special pool.

18 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. So the
19 Grant, what is the pool?

20 THE WITNESS: That's going to be the
21 Dayton-Grayburg.

22 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: And the same
23 thing. There's no -- no special pool for that?

24 THE WITNESS: No, to my knowledge.

25 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. I see.

1 So you located everybody. So there's no reason for
2 you to do any newspaper advertisement?

3 THE WITNESS: We did one for the Judsons,
4 because we didn't get a green card back from them.
5 But they were -- they're an offset owner.

6 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Is it here?

7 MR. RANKIN: Just a correction in that.
8 In the Grant, it was Mary Ayers.

9 THE WITNESS: Oh, Mary Ayers, yeah.

10 MR. RANKIN: -- who was uncontactable.
11 It's in Exhibit Number 3 of the Grant, the last
12 page. There was a notice of publication for Mary
13 Ayers.

14 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: You did a
15 newspaper publication also?

16 MR. RANKIN: Correct.

17 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: That's all I
18 have.

19 THE WITNESS: We have leased.

20 MR. RANKIN: The Ayers?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 MR. RANKIN: That's right. So that --

23 THE WITNESS: We have leased them since
24 then.

25 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: So after you

1 published, then they came forward and leased?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. Good.

4 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: So we've got a lot of
5 confusion here.

6 My understanding was that there was one
7 unlocated interest in the Grant.

8 But do I now understand that -- is that
9 the one that you're talking about, that you have now
10 located and leased?

11 THE WITNESS: Within -- yes. Within the
12 pooled unit, within the unit, there was one.

13 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: So there is no one --

14 THE WITNESS: And we have now leased them.

15 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: -- within either of
16 these units -- there's no owner within either of
17 these units that you've been unable to locate?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes. This is true.

19 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Thank you. That's all I
20 have.

21 The witness may step down.

22 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Examiner.

23 Nothing further from me either.

24 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Pardon me?

25 MR. RANKIN: Nothing further from me

1 either.

2 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. You may call your
3 next witness.

4 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Ms. Moheb.

5 My next witness is Ms. Kelli Snidow.

6 KELLI SNIDOW,
7 after having been first duly sworn under oath,
8 was questioned and testified as follows:

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. RANKIN:

11 Q. Thank you, Ms. Snidow.

12 How are you?

13 A. Good. Thank you.

14 Q. Good. Ms. Snidow, by whom are you
15 employed?

16 A. I'm employed by Concho in Midland, Texas.

17 Q. And in what capacity?

18 A. I am employed as a geologist.

19 Q. And have you previously testified before
20 the division as a petroleum geologist?

21 A. No, I have not.

22 Q. Can you please review for the Examiners
23 your background, your education, and your work
24 experience?

25 A. Sure. I graduated from Hanover College in

1 2007 with a bachelor's in geology.

2 And then I graduated from Ball State
3 University in 2009 with a master's in geology.

4 I then went to work for Chevron in 2009,
5 working the Midland Basin of the Permian Basin.

6 And then I went to work for Concho in
7 September of 2011 working the New Mexico shelf.

8 Q. And are you familiar with the applications
9 that were filed in each of these cases?

10 A. Yes, I am.

11 Q. Have you conducted a study of the lands
12 that are the subject of these applications?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I would like to
15 tender Ms. Snidow as an expert in petroleum geology.

16 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: So qualified.

17 MR. RANKIN: Thank you.

18 Ms. Snidow, turning to your first exhibit,
19 which has been marked as Exhibit 4 in both exhibit
20 packets, one for the Bradley and one for the Grant,
21 could you please review for the Examiners what these
22 two maps depict?

23 A. Yes. So these are both the same maps.
24 They're both a structure map on the top of the
25 Paddock with a 25-foot contour interval.

1 The structure map shows the general
2 downdip structural trend of the area from the
3 northwest to the southeast.

4 The existing fields are highlighted in
5 blue, and they're listed to display the structural
6 relationship between the existing fields and
7 proposed wells, which are -- the proposed COG wells,
8 which are red, and shown on the yellow COG acreage.

9 These existing fields have both horizontal
10 and vertical Yeso production.

11 And the Paddock producers are highlighted
12 with red circles, and the Blinebry producers are
13 highlighted with blue circles or a combination of
14 both.

15 This map shows that there are no major
16 structural or geological impediments in this area.
17 Also, that there are no major faults and no
18 pinchouts.

19 Q. Thank you, Ms. Snidow.

20 Turning to your next exhibit, which I
21 believe shows another map with the cross-section.
22 Is that correct?

23 A. Yes, that is correct.

24 This is the same map and just showing the
25 cross-section line from A to A prime. A is in the

1 south end of this map near the Cemetery field, and
2 A prime is at the north end showing the Dayton
3 field, and the wells highlighted on this
4 cross-section will be included in the next exhibit.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 Turning to that next exhibit, could you
7 review it for the Examiners?

8 A. So Exhibit 7 is a cross-section from A to
9 A prime. Again, the wells on the left are A,
10 towards the south end of the field, or the Cemetery
11 field.

12 And the wells on the right are near the
13 north end, or the Dayton field.

14 There are three formations listed on this
15 cross-section: The Glorieta, the Paddock, and the
16 Blinebry. The Paddock is our target interval. It
17 is overlying by the Glorieta and bounded by the
18 Blinebry on the bottom.

19 This cross-section has been flattened on
20 the top of the Paddock to show the stratigraphic
21 relationship between these different field areas as
22 we move from south to north.

23 And on the left, as I mentioned, the green
24 Paddock is our target interval, and we have a red
25 arrow on the left side indicating our proposed

1 lateral interval, or where we would like to land our
2 lateral.

3 To the right of each well bore is a red
4 box, and that is to indicate the zone of the Yeso
5 completion in those individual wells.

6 But I will point out Wells 1 and 3 do not
7 show any Yeso completion, and that's because they
8 are -- they're deeper Morrow gas wells that have not
9 yet been tested in the Yeso.

10 Q. Thank you, Ms. Snidow.

11 And just to be clear, this cross-section
12 is -- and you indicate a target interval for the
13 lateral. That's the case for both the Bradley and
14 the Grant wells. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes, that's correct, for both wells.

16 Q. Thank you.

17 And finally, Exhibit Number 7, which has
18 already been referenced by the Examiner, this is a
19 well bore schematic diagram, is that correct, of
20 each well bore and the proposed location showing
21 that they're within the standard offsets?

22 A. Yes, that's correct. These are purely a
23 schematic to show that the completed interval in
24 each respective well will be within that 330-foot
25 setback in both the north and the south section

1 lines.

2 Q. And based on your analysis and your study
3 of the geology of the area and of the nonstandard --
4 proposed nonstandard units, what conclusions have
5 you drawn about the geology and the potential for
6 production?

7 A. We believe there are no geologic
8 impediments in this area to developing full section
9 laterals.

10 We also believe that this area can be
11 efficiently and economically developed with
12 horizontal wells. And additionally, that the --
13 each proposed project area will equally contribute
14 to the well's production.

15 Q. And in your opinion, would the granting of
16 COG's application for compulsory pooling in both of
17 these cases be in the interest of prevention of
18 waste, protective of correlative rights, and the
19 interest of conservation?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Thank you, Ms. Snidow.

22 And were Exhibits 4 through 7 prepared by
23 you or under your supervision?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I move to admit

1 Exhibits 4 through 7 into the record.

2 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: 4 through 7 are
3 admitted.

4 MR. RANKIN: I have no further questions.
5 I pass the witness.

6 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay.

7 Mr. Ezeanyim?

8 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: I don't have
9 much questions.

10 Go to Exhibit Number 4. Would you read
11 that --

12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Can you repeat
13 that?

14 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: The wells that
15 you see in that Exhibit Number 4 --

16 THE WITNESS: Exhibit Number 4?

17 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: -- 4 and 5,
18 whatever. I see a bunch of horizontal wells.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Who is the other
21 operator of those wells? Is that Concho?

22 THE WITNESS: Many of these are Concho
23 wells. I cannot speak for all of them, but I
24 believe most of these are Concho wells.

25 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Who is the other

1 operator, other than Concho? Who, again, operates
2 around that area?

3 THE WITNESS: I can check on that and get
4 back to you.

5 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Oh, okay. You
6 don't need to. I just wanted to find out who the
7 operator is. Is it only COG that operates in that
8 township?

9 THE WITNESS: It is not just COG.

10 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: You're talking about
11 19/25?

12 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Yes. Well,
13 19/25 -- yeah, 19/25. Really, I'm talking about
14 19/25.

15 THE WITNESS: Right. Right. There are
16 some COG wells listed right there. But some of
17 these -- I would hate to give you a wrong answer. I
18 will check and get back with you if you would like.

19 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. Thank
20 you.

21 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

22 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Did you draw
23 this well construction to indicate the completed
24 intervals?

25 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

1 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay. So
2 what -- how are these going to be constructed? Are
3 you going to -- is there a way indicated to get your
4 completed intervals?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. If you'll notice on
6 the last exhibit we show a -- there's a white arrow
7 indicating where the first packer will be placed.

8 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Yeah.

9 THE WITNESS: Showing that it will not be
10 any closer than 330 feet from the north section
11 line. And then we will place the packers
12 accordingly --

13 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay.

14 THE WITNESS: -- throughout the rest of
15 the lateral.

16 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Is that going to
17 be upon completion?

18 THE WITNESS: That's not necessarily been
19 determined at this time.

20 CHIEF ENGINEER EZEANYIM: Okay.

21 I don't have any further questions.

22 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: No questions.

23 MR. RANKIN: No redirect for myself,
24 Mr. Examiner, so nothing from me further.

25 CHAIRMAN BROOKS: Okay. Very good. Then

1 if there is nothing further, Cases 14866 and 14867
2 will be taken under advisement.

3 (Proceedings concluded.)
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18 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
19 a complete record of the proceedings in
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