

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

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

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APPLICATION

COG Operating LLC, ("COG") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a 160-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation from a depth of 4,000 feet to the bottom of the Yeso. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG Operating LLC (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the S/2 S/2 of Section 27 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 **Halberd 27 State Com No 21H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26 to a standard bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 27.

3. This project area is located within the Artesia; Glorieta Yeso Pool (96830). The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

4. COG has concurrently filed a separate application seeking to form a non-standard spacing unit and pool interest owners in the Yeso formation from the top of the Yeso to a depth of 4,000 feet. That non-standard spacing unit will be dedicated to the Halberd 27 State Com No. 1H Well.

5. 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.

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

7. 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 requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on May 26, 2016, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Yeso formation, comprised of the S/2 S/2 of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Yeso formation from 4,000 feet to the base of the Yeso;
- C. Designating COG Operating LLC operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;

- D. Authorizing COG 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 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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CASE 15495 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 27, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation from a depth of 4,000 feet to the bottom of the Yeso underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Halberd 27 State Com No. 21H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 26 to a standard bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 27. The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset 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 15 miles east of Artesia, New Mexico.