

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II FOR AN EMERGENCY ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO DRILL, AND FOR ADOPTION OF SPECIAL RULES FOR DRILLING IN CERTAIN AREAS FOR THE PROTECTIONS OF FRESH WATER, CHAVES AND EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 15487**

**COG AND OXY'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

COG Operating, LLC, ("COG") and OXY USA Inc. ("OXY"), submit this Pre-Hearing Statement pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

Application seeks adoption of special pool rules in designated pools in Eddy and Chaves counties for the protection of sources of fresh water designated by the State Engineer. Within the designated area, Applicant seeks to require compliance with “minimum requirements.” Applicant has not yet proposed special pool rules, therefore COG and OXY are not able to state a position on this case.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

<b>WITNESS Name and Expertise</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TIME</b>	<b>EXHIBITS</b>
Carl Bird Petroleum Engineer, COG	Approx. 20	Approx. 5
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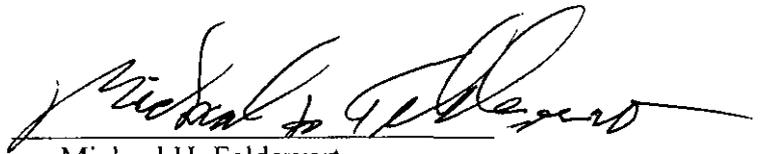
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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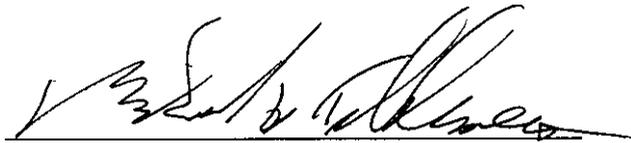
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 3, 2016, I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following counsel of record via electronic mail:

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