

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,  
LEA 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, non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation from the top of the Paddock to the base of the Blinebry. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG Operating LLC (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the N/2 S/2 of Section 9 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 **Branex Federal Com No. 15H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) to a standard bottom hole location in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 9.

3. The project area for the **Branex Federal Com No. 15H Well** is within the Maljamar-Yeso West Pool (44500), which is subject to Division Statewide rules for oil

wells. 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. This well is an offset well to the Sneed 9 Federal No. 23H within the same depth interval. The **Branex Federal Com No. 15H Well** also contains a depth severance between the Blinebry and Tubb intervals. See R-14023-A, p. 5, ¶ 6.

5. COG will provide notice of this hearing to the vertical offset parties within the Yeso formation who are not subject to this pooling application.

6. 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.

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

8. 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.

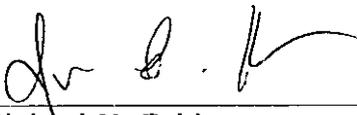
WHEREFORE, COG requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 9, 2016, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a 160-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the N/2 S/2 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;

- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation from the top of the Paddock to the base of the Blinebry;
- 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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**ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING LLC**

**CASE 15499:** Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea 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 N/2 S/2 of Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Yeso formation from the top of the Paddock to the base of the Blinebry. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Branex Federal Com No. 15H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 SW/4 (Unit L) to a standard bottom hole location in the NE/4 SE/4 (Unit I) of Section 9. 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 1 mile south of Maljamar NM.