

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

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

CASE NO. 15640

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 W/2 W/2 of Section 29, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the 2nd Bone Spring Sand Formation. In support of its application, COG states:

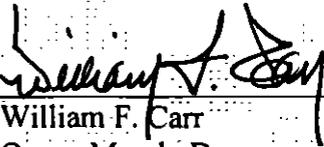
1. COG Operating LLC (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the proposed non-standard spacing unit has the right to drill thereon.
2. COG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Populus Fed #4H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 29 to a bottom hole location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 29.
3. The completed interval for this well will remain within the 330-foot standard set back required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15.9 NMAC.
4. 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.
5. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.
6. In order to permit COG to obtain it's just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted 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 March 16, 2017, 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 W/2 W/2 of Section 29 and the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 29, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all uncommitted interests in this 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 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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