

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

**APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE NO. 20071

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 pooling all uncommitted interests in Bone Spring formation in the 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 24 and the W/2W/2 of Section 25, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG Operating LLC (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. COG seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to two initial wells: the proposed the proposed **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 607H Well** and the proposed **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 608H Well**. These wells will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 25 to bottom hole location in the NW/4NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 24.
3. The completed interval for the **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 608H Well** will remain within the standard setback as required by the Statewide rules for oil wells. The **Baseball**

Cap Federal Com No. 607H Well is at an unorthodox location. COG will apply administratively for approval of an unorthodox location.

4. Because the proposed wells will be simultaneously drilled and completed, COG requests an extension of the time period to drill and complete the initial well from 120 days to 365 days.

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 uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled and COG Operating LLC should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal wells and spacing unit.


WHEREFORE, COG requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 15, 2018, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Approving two initial wells in the spacing unit;
- C. Authorizing an extension of the 120-day requirement to drill and complete the initial well;
- D. Designating COG Operating LLC operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- E. Authorizing COG to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;

- F. 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
- G. 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 2007:

Application of COG Operating LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 24 and the W/2W/2 of Section 25, Township 24 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. COG seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to two initial wells: the proposed **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 607H Well** and the proposed **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 608H Well**. These wells will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the SW/4SW/4 (Unit M) of Section 25 to bottom hole location in the NW/4NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 24. The completed intervals for the **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 608H Well** will remain within the standard setbacks as required by the Statewide rules for oil wells. the **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 607H Well** is at an unorthodox location. COG will apply administratively for approval of the **Baseball Cap Federal Com No. 607H Well** unorthodox location. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the well the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of COG Operating LLC as operator, and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing the well. Said area is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Jal, New Mexico.