New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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October 30, 2008

COG Operating, LLC Attn: Ms. Robyn Odom Fasken Center, Tower II 550 West Texas Ave., Suite 1300 Midland, TX 79701

Administrative Order NSL-5951

Re: SC Federal Well No. 4 API No. 30-025 1230 feet FSL and 420 feet FEL Unit P, Section 22-17S-32E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms Odom:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (administrative application reference No. pKVR08-26634345) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 22, 2008,

(b) your supplemental email communication of October 30, 2008, and

(c) the Division's records pertinent to this request.

COG Operating, LLC (COG) has requested to drill the above-referenced well as a directional oil well to be completed in the Yeso formation at a location that will be unorthodox under Division Rule 111. The proposed surface location, point of penetration and terminus of the well are as follows:

Surface Location: 1230 feet from the South line and 420 feet from the East line (Unit P) of Section 22, Township 17S, Range 32E, NMPM Lea County, New Mexico

Point of Penetration: 1000 feet from the South line and 332 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said section.

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990 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line (Unit P) of said section.

The SE/4 SE/4 of Section 22 will be dedicated to the proposed well to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the undesignated West Maljamar-Yeso Pool (44500). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 104.B(1), which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is unorthodox because a portion of the producing interval will be less than 330 feet from the northern boundary of the unit, and therefore outside the producing area.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 104.F and 1210.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location because of an existing road and pipeline that cross the unit. It is further understood notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is not required because of common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 104.F(2), the above-described unorthodox location is hereby approved.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including, but not limited to Division Rule 40.

Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E. Director

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cc:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad