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January 7, 2009

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

Administrative Order NSL-5981

Re: Skelly Unit Well No. 629
API No. 30-015
2330 feet FNL and 330 feet FEL
Unit H, Section 22-17S-31E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms Odom:

Reference is made to the following:

(a) your application (**administrative application reference No. pKAA08-35032545**) submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (the Division) in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 12, 2008,

(b) supplemental information furnished by email dated January 7, 2009, and

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

COG Operating, LLC (COG) has requested to drill the above-referenced well at an unorthodox oil well location, described above in the caption of this letter. The SE/4 NE/4 of Section 22 will be dedicated to this well in order to form a standard 40-acre spacing unit in the undesignated Fren Glorieta/Yeso Pool (26770). This pool is governed by statewide Rule 15.9.A, which provides for 40-acre units, with wells located at least 330 feet from a unit outer boundary. This location is less than 330 feet from the southern unit boundary.

Your application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rules 15.13 and 4.12.A(2).

It is our understanding that you are seeking this location to avoid interference with existing surface easements.



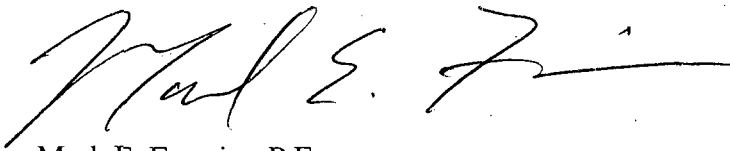
It is also understood that notice of this application to offsetting operators or owners is unnecessary due to common ownership.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Division Rule 15.13.A, 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 5.9.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fesmire", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director

MEF/db

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
United States Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad