

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
4 BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR  
5 THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

5 APPLICATION OF NEARBURG EXPLORATION CASE NO. 15441  
6 COMPANY, LLC; SRO2, LLC; AND SRO3,  
7 LLC FOR AN ACCOUNTING AND LIMITATIONS  
8 ON RECOVERY OF WELL COSTS, AND FOR  
9 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR  
10 PERMIT TO DRILL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Consolidated with

9 APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING, LLC CASE NO. 15481  
10 FOR A NONSTANDARD SPACING AND  
11 PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY  
12 POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

12 APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING, LLC CASE NO. 15482  
13 FOR A NONSTANDARD SPACING AND  
14 PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY  
15 POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

15 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

16 COMMISSIONER HEARING

17 April 25, 2017

18 Santa Fe, New Mexico

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21 BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, CHAIRPERSON  
22 AUBREY DUNN, COMMISSIONER  
23 DR. ROBERT S. BALCH, COMMISSIONER  
24 GABRIEL WADE, ESQ.  
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1                    This matter came on for hearing before the  
2 New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Tuesday, April  
3 25, 2017, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural  
4 Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South  
5 St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe,  
6 New Mexico.  
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EXHIBITS OFFERED AND ADMITTED

(Not applicable)

1 (9:02 a.m.; Court Reporter telephonically  
2 present from Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

3 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: The next order of  
4 business this morning is deliberations in the following  
5 cases which were heard by the Commission on February  
6 28th and March 1st, 2017. Case Number 15441 is the  
7 application of Nearburg Exploration Company, LLC; SRO2,  
8 LLC; and SRO3, LLC for an accounting and limitation on  
9 recovery of well costs, and for cancelation of  
10 applications for permit to drill, Eddy County, New  
11 Mexico.

12 Case Number 15481 is the application of COG  
13 Operating, LLC for a nonstandard spacing and proration  
14 unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico,  
15 and Case Number 15482 is the application of COG  
16 Operating, LLC for a nonstandard spacing and proration  
17 unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

18 We are here to deliberate on these three  
19 cases in executive session.

20 And for the record, Commissioner Dunn, are  
21 you familiar with the record in these cases?

22 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Yes. I reviewed the  
23 record.

24 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Okay.

25 Commissioners, do I hear a motion to go

1 into executive session to deliberate on these three  
2 cases?

3 COMMISSIONER BALCH: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

6 (Ayes are unanimous.)

7 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Mary, we're going to go  
8 into executive session.

9 (Recess and Executive Session, 9:03 a.m.)

10 (11:44 a.m.)

11 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Do I have a motion,  
12 Commissioners, to go back into regular session from  
13 executive session?

14 COMMISSIONER DUNN: I move we go back into  
15 regular session from executive session.

16 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I second that.

17 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: All in favor?

18 (Ayes are unanimous.)

19 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: So we are back in  
20 regular session now, and I will just state for the  
21 record that we deliberated on Case Numbers 15441, 15481  
22 and Case 15482, and that was the extent of the  
23 discussions this morning.

24 At this time I will turn it over to our  
25 Commission attorney, Gabriel Wade, who will announce the

1 decision in these three cases.

2 Mr. Wade.

3 MR. WADE: Thank you.

4 The Commission has found that the relief  
5 sought in these three cases cannot be granted until  
6 resolution of District Court Case D-101-CV-2015-02541.  
7 The district court case will resolve the contractual  
8 dispute and will determine the relief sought before the  
9 Commission. The Commission does not have jurisdiction  
10 to resolve the contractual dispute itself.

11 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Do we want to go into  
12 any specifics or denial, or no?

13 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Not at this time.

14 MR. WADE: Not at this time, unless you  
15 want to.

16 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Is there an order to  
17 follow?

18 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Yeah. We will issue an  
19 order. Can we have that order ready for the May 18th  
20 hearing?

21 MR. WADE: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: Okay. My understanding  
23 is, basically, we're going to be dismissing most of the  
24 application, and there may be -- placed on the pending  
25 APD for -- and I don't remember the -- the State Com

1 69H, I believe, is the well. Other than that, I think  
2 the remainder of the application will be dismissed at  
3 that time. So that's the decision in these three cases.

4 And, Commissioners, do you have anything  
5 else to add?

6 COMMISSIONER DUNN: Back on the --

7 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: We don't have a record.

8 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Okay.

9 (Short discussion unintelligible via  
10 telephonic connection.)

11 CHAIRMAN CATANACH: So I think that'll be  
12 it for today. I think this Commission hearing is  
13 adjourned for today.

14 (The proceedings conclude, 11:47 a.m.)

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16 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither  
17 employed by nor related to any of the parties or  
18 attorneys in this case and that I have no interest in  
19 the final disposition of this case.

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