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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

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

CASE NOs. 20070, 20071, 20072, 20073

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

January 10th, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, CHIEF EXAMINER
KATHLEEN MURPHY, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
LEONARD LOWE, TECHNICAL EXAMINER
DAVID K. BROOKS, LEGAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William V. Jones, Chief Examiner; Kathleen Murphy and Leonard Lowe, Technical Examiners; and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Thursday, January 10th, 2019, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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- 1 (3:08 p.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: Back on the record.
- 3 Let's call Cases 20070, 20071, 20072 and
- 4 20073, application of COG Operating, LLC for compulsory
- 5 pooling in Lea County, New Mexico.
- 6 Call for appearances.
- 7 MS. KESSLER: Jordan Kessler, from the
- 8 Santa Fe office of Holland & Hart, on behalf of the
- 9 Applicant.
- 10 EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?
- 11 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce
- 12 representing Energen Resources Corporation, and I have
- 13 no witnesses.
- 14 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Any other
- 15 appearances?
- 16 Energen is still around? I thought they
- 17 were sold.
- 18 Okay. Please proceed.
- MS. KESSLER: Thank you.
- This is for four combined cases,
- 21 Mr. Examiner. There is an east half-east half spacing
- 22 unit and a west half-west half spacing unit of two
- 23 sections. Those are Sections 24 and 25, Township 24
- 24 South, Range 34 East in Lea County. And each of the
- 25 cases involves the same spacing units, and there is a

- 1 Bone Spring spacing unit and a Wolfcamp spacing unit,
- 2 and that's all set forth in paragraphs five, six, eight
- 3 and nine of the affidavit of Matt Solomon -- Matthew
- 4 Solomon, which is Exhibit 1 that's in front of you.
- 5 So we have C-102s for -- there are several
- 6 proposed wells. The 601H -- Baseball Cap Federal Com
- 7 601H is in the east half-east half spacing unit, and the
- 8 607H and 608H are in the west half-west half spacing
- 9 unit in the Bone Spring Formation.
- 10 And behind Tab B, you have the Wolfcamp
- 11 series. That would be the Baseball Cap Fed Com 701H in
- 12 the east half-east half and the 702H as well in the east
- 13 half-east half and then the 707 and 708 in the west
- 14 half-west half spacing units.
- 15 You'll see based on these -- I don't
- 16 believe that the affidavit specifies what pools these
- 17 wells are in, but the Wolfcamp is a 40-acre oil pool.
- 18 And that's been confirmed. That's why the spacing units
- 19 are 40 acres.
- 20 EXAMINER JONES: And they're 700 series
- 21 wells, so they're Wolfcamp.
- MS. KESSLER: That's right.
- 23 Exhibit C contains all of the ownership
- 24 plats for the various wells and spacing units. So the
- 25 first page of each of the -- for each of the spacing

1 units shows a tract breakdown, and then the working

- 2 interest owners are listed on the second page. It shows
- 3 the working interest owners in the spacing unit and then
- 4 also a pooling notification list. Those are the working
- 5 interest owners they seek to pool. And this is the same
- 6 for each of the four spacing units.
- 7 And they're all working interest owners,
- 8 Mr. Examiners. There are no overriding royalty interest
- 9 owners that we seek to pool for any of these spacing
- 10 units.
- 11 Exhibit D has -- the way that these wells
- 12 were proposed is the east half-east half versus the west
- 13 half-west half.
- So Tab D has the well-proposal letters for
- 15 both the Bone Spring and the Wolfcamp spacing units on
- 16 the east half-east half.
- 17 And Tab E has the well-proposal letters --
- 18 it should be for the west half-west half. And it looks
- 19 like -- I'm not exactly sure why this was put together
- 20 this way, but the 601H, 701H, 702H wells and their AFE
- 21 and the 607, 608H and 707 and 708H wells are all behind
- 22 Tabs D and E, so you just have them a bunch of times.
- 23 You have all of the well-proposal letters twice.
- 24 EXAMINER JONES: Very nice proposal there
- 25 for whoever would sign the paperwork.

- 1 MS. KESSLER: Yeah.
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: It really looks nice.
- 3 Wow.
- 4 MS. KESSLER: Thanks.
- 5 Exhibit 2 is the geology exhibit with both
- 6 Bone Spring and Wolfcamp attachments. So the Wolfcamp
- 7 wells are presented first. There's a structure map that
- 8 shows all of the data points and the contour lines and
- 9 shows that there is no major structure in the area. And
- 10 the Bone Spring wells' structure map is next. Then you
- 11 have an exhibit for the Wolfcamp that shows the wells
- 12 that were used for the cross section.
- Tab D is the Wolfcamp and the Bone Spring
- 14 cross section. I guess they must have just used all of
- 15 the same logs because they were deep enough. So you
- 16 have the 3rd Bone Spring target called out in the green
- 17 bracket on Tab D and the Wolfcamp target called out in
- 18 the bracket also on Tab D.
- 19 3 is our notice exhibit. And, again, just
- 20 for clarity, we have -- we have the cases broken out by
- 21 tab so that you have notice information for each of the
- 22 cases separately. This notice actually went out in
- 23 November, so we do not need a continuance for these
- 24 cases.
- 25 And there are affidavits of publication out

1 of an abundance of -- attached to each of these tabs

- 2 is -- out of an abundance of caution, but the working
- 3 interest owners were locatable.
- 4 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. You okay with that,
- 5 Mr. Brooks?
- 6 EXAMINER BROOKS: Sounds pretty clean.
- 7 MS. KESSLER: Mr. Examiner, I would ask
- 8 that these exhibits be entered as part of the record and
- 9 that would be Exhibits 1 through 3, including the
- 10 attachments.
- 11 EXAMINER JONES: Any objection from
- 12 Energen? No objection?
- MR. BRUCE: No.
- 14 MS. KESSLER: And I would ask that these
- 15 cases be taken under advisement.
- 16 EXAMINER JONES: The exhibits are admitted
- 17 in the three cases -- 20070, 20071, 20072 and 20073, all
- 18 four cases, are taken under advisement.
- 19 Thank you very much.
- 20 (COG Operating, LLC Exhibit Numbers 1
- 21 through 3 are offered and admitted into
- evidence.)
- 23 (Case Numbers 20070, 20071, 20072 and 20073
- 24 conclude, 3:15 p.m.)

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- 2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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