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 NO. 20121

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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23	REPORTER'S NOTE: These exhibits were not supplied the court reporter and are not attached to this record.	to
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- 1 (1:59 p.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: How about 20121?
- We'll call Case Number 20121, application
- 4 of COG Operating, LLC.
- 5 Call for appearances.
- 6 MS. BROGGI: Again, Julia Broggi, with the
- 7 Holland & Hart Law Firm, on behalf of the Applicant, COG
- 8 Operating, LLC.
- 9 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce
- 10 entering an appearance on behalf of Kaiser-Francis Oil
- 11 Company. I have no witnesses, and I do not object to
- 12 this being presented by affidavit.
- 13 EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?
- MS. BROGGI: This is the application of COG
- 15 Operating, LLC for a compulsory pooling in Lea County,
- 16 New Mexico. This is the proposed Lychee State Com #3H
- 17 well, and we are presenting this one by affidavit as
- 18 well.
- 19 Exhibit A is the affidavit of the landman,
- 20 Danny Kidwell. With this application, COG is seeking to
- 21 pool all of the uncommitted interests in the Bone Spring
- 22 Formation in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and to
- 23 dedicate that horizontal spacing unit to that Lychee
- 24 well.
- 25 EXAMINER JONES: Mr. Bruce, is

- 1 Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, your client?
- 2 MR. BRUCE: Yes.
- 3 EXAMINER JONES: I just want to make sure.
- 4 I've actually already gotten this one written. I'll
- 5 just enter the appearance in this case.
- MR. BRUCE: Yeah. That's fine.
- 7 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. And this one's not
- 8 going to be continued; is that correct?
- 9 MS. BROGGI: This one is not going to be
- 10 continued, and this is the one that we're asking for the
- 11 expedited order.
- 12 EXAMINER JONES: Yeah. This one's already
- 13 done. I've just got to get it through management and
- 14 Kathleen.
- 15 MS. BROGGI: The pooled parties are on
- 16 Exhibit A2. There are no unleased mineral interest
- 17 owners. COG is not seeking to pool any overriding
- 18 royalty interest owners.
- 19 EXAMINER JONES: This is the one you wanted
- 20 on the December 4th docket.
- 21 MS. BROGGI: Yeah. The issue -- my
- 22 understanding is the issue is there is a lease
- 23 expiration.
- 24 EXAMINER JONES: Like next week?
- MS. KESSLER: Shortly.

- 1 MS. BROGGI: So in the near term.
- 2 Exhibit B is the affidavit of the
- 3 geologist, Cody Bacon, again with the accompanying
- 4 exhibits and his testimony that the granting of this
- 5 application would be in the best interest of
- 6 conservation, the prevention of waste and the protection
- 7 of correlative rights.
- 8 Mr. Examiners, as you pointed out, we do
- 9 not need to continue this for notice purposes. My
- 10 affidavit addressing notice is attached as Exhibit C.
- 11 And unless anybody has any questions, we
- 12 would ask that Case Number 20121 be taken under
- 13 advisement.
- 14 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Any objection to
- 15 admitting the exhibits, Mr. Bruce?
- MR. BRUCE: No objection.
- 17 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. The exhibits in
- 18 this case will be admitted, and Case 20121 is taken
- 19 under advisement.
- 20 (COG Operating, LLC Exhibit Letters A
- 21 through C are offered and admitted into
- 22 evidence.)
- 23 (Case Number 20121 concludes, 2:02 p.m.)

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- 4 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER
- 5 I, MARY C. HANKINS, Certified Court
- 6 Reporter, New Mexico Certified Court Reporter No. 20,
- 7 and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify
- 8 that I reported the foregoing proceedings in
- 9 stenographic shorthand and that the foregoing pages are
- 10 a true and correct transcript of those proceedings that
- 11 were reduced to printed form by me to the best of my
- 12 ability.
- I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Reporter's
- 14 Record of the proceedings truly and accurately reflects
- 15 the exhibits, if any, offered by the respective parties.
- 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.
- 20 DATED THIS 31st day of January 2019.

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