## 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 CASE NOs. 20074, FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, 20075, 20076, NEW MEXICO.

20075, 20076, 20077

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

April 18, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: WILLIAM V. JONES, CHIEF EXAMINER TERRY WARNELL, 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, Terry Warnell, Technical Examiner, and David K. Brooks, Legal Examiner, on Thursday, April 18, 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 (8:48 a.m.)
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Let's call Cases --
- 3 the Pork Pie cases, are they all combined?
- 4 MS. BROGGI: Yes, we are.
- 5 EXAMINER JONES: We'll call Cases 20076,
- 6 20074 and 20075, application of COG Operating, LLC for
- 7 compulsory pooling, and let's also call Case 20077,
- 8 which is also styled application for compulsory pooling.
- 9 Call for appearances.
- 10 MS. BROGGI: Julia Broggi, with Holland &
- 11 Hart, on behalf of the Applicant, COG Operating, LLC.
- 12 EXAMINER JONES: Any other appearances?
- MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, Jim Bruce of
- 14 Santa Fe. I'm representing ConocoPhillips Company and
- 15 Energen Resources Corporation in these cases. I have no
- 16 witness, and I do not object to being presented by
- 17 affidavit.
- 18 EXAMINER JONES: Thank you.
- 19 Any other appearances?
- 20 MS. BROGGI: I thought someone had entered
- 21 on behalf of Devon.
- MS. SHAHEEN: You mean Pork Pie?
- MS. BROGGI: Yeah.
- MS. SHAHEEN: I didn't know I need to, but
- 25 here I am.

1 MS. BROGGI: Well, you don't need to but --

- MS. SHAHEEN: Let me take a look.
- 3 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Just let us know
- 4 Sharon.
- 5 MS. BROGGI: We will be presenting these
- 6 consolidated cases by affidavit. And it follows the
- 7 usual format.
- 8 Exhibit A is an affidavit of the landman,
- 9 Matt Solomon. And we organized it by four different
- 10 cases. So in that first case, Case Number 20074, COG is
- 11 seeking to pool all of the uncommitted interests in the
- 12 Bone Spring Formation in the 320-acre spacing unit
- 13 comprised of the east half-east half of Sections 10 and
- 14 Section 15 and dedicating that spacing unit to the Pork
- 15 Pie State Com #106H well. And you'll see a draft C-102
- 16 for this attached as Exhibit 1 to the affidavit.
- 17 And then Exhibit 2 to the affidavit is an
- 18 ownership exhibit that identifies the tracts of land and
- 19 the interest owners and the percentage of their
- 20 ownership interest. And COG is seeking to pool those
- 21 four working interest owners and the three overriding
- 22 royalty interest owners identified on that C-102.
- 23 And then for the next case, which is Case
- Number 20075, COG is seeking to pool all uncommitted
- 25 interests in the, again, Bone Spring Formation in the

1 320-acre spacing unit comprised of the west half-east

- 2 half of Sections 10 and 15 and dedicating that spacing
- 3 unit to the Pork Pie State Com #602H well. And you'll
- 4 see a draft C-102 attached as Exhibit A3 and the
- 5 ownership exhibit attached as A4. And, again, COG is
- 6 seeking to pool the four working interest owners and the
- 7 three overriding royalty interest owners identified on
- 8 that exhibit. And they do have -- it's actually the
- 9 same working interest owners and overriding royalty
- 10 interest owners for all four cases.
- 11 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- 12 MS. BROGGI: For Case Number 20076, COG is
- 13 seeking to pool the uncommitted working interests, this
- 14 time in the Wolfcamp Formation for the 320-acre spacing
- 15 unit comprised of the east half-east half of Sections 10
- 16 and 15 and dedicating that spacing unit to two wells,
- 17 the Pork Pie State Com #701H and 702H wells.
- And, once again, we have a draft C-102
- 19 attached as A5 and A6 and then that ownership exhibit
- 20 attached as A7. And, again, those same four working
- 21 interest owners and same three overriding royalty
- 22 interest owners are whom COG is seeking to pool.
- 23 And then finally, the last case is Case
- 24 Number 20077, and COG is seeking to pool all the
- 25 uncommitted interest owners again in the Wolfcamp

1 Formation for the 320-acre spacing unit comprised of the

- 2 west half-east half of Sections 10 and 15.
- And, again, the C-102s are attached as
- 4 Exhibits A8 and A9.
- 5 And then Exhibit 10 is that ownership
- 6 exhibit. And, again, we're seeking to pool the same
- 7 working interest owners and overrides in that case.
- 8 No depth severances in either the Bone
- 9 Spring or the Wolfcamp Formation.
- 10 And then we have the well-proposal letter
- 11 attached as Exhibit All, with AFEs for each of the --
- 12 what do we have -- six wells.
- 13 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- MS. BROGGI: We're seeking
- 15 administrative -- overhead and administrative costs of
- 16 7,000 a month while drilling and 700 a month while
- 17 producing.
- And all parties were locatable, and we have
- 19 a notice affidavit attached here as Exhibit C from my
- 20 office showing that notice of this hearing was provided
- 21 to all of those parties.
- 22 And then Exhibit B is, of course, the
- 23 geologist's affidavit, with five corresponding exhibits.
- 24 Again, we're targeting the Bone Spring in those 600
- 25 series wells and the Wolfcamp in the 700.

- 1 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- MS. BROGGI: So Exhibit B1 is the locator
- 3 map, and you can see COG's acreage and the wellbore
- 4 paths for the six proposed wells here.
- 5 Exhibit B2 is the subsea structure map.
- 6 This one's for the Bone Spring wells, and you'll see
- 7 those two wells depicted here. And the contour interval
- 8 is 100 feet, and you can see the data points that were
- 9 used to create that.
- 10 And Exhibit B3 is also a subsea structure
- 11 map but also this time for the Wolfcamp wells. So you
- 12 can see the four wells marked there and the data points
- 13 that were used to create that structure map.
- 14 Exhibit B4 shows the three wells, A to A
- 15 prime, that are used in that next exhibit, the cross
- 16 section.
- 17 If you turn to the final exhibit, B5, this
- 18 is the cross section. We have logs for gamma ray and
- 19 resistivity for all three wells and then porosity for
- 20 two of the three wells. And the target intervals are
- 21 marked for both the two Bone Spring wells and then the
- 22 four Wolfcamp wells.
- 23 EXAMINER JONES: Okay.
- MS. BROGGI: And we have the testimony from
- 25 the geologist that she observed, you know, no faulting,

1 pinch-outs or other geologic hazards to developing these

- 2 wells and that in her opinion, the granting of these
- 3 applications are in the best interest of conservation,
- 4 the prevention of waste and the protection of
- 5 correlative rights.
- 6 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Okay. So no pool
- 7 named yet?
- 8 MS. BROGGI: I do have a number for the
- 9 pool. It's not on the C-102, but on the affidavit, we
- 10 included it. It starts with a 9, 98098.
- 11 EXAMINER JONES: That's wildcat Wolfcamp.
- MS. BROGGI: We're getting confirmation on
- 13 that. We're getting confirmation from Mr. Kautz. But
- 14 the landman felt fairly certainly that that was the pool
- 15 code. But I will let you know if it turns out that
- 16 that's not correct.
- 17 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. But the big deal is
- 18 if it's not -- since it's Lea County, it's not Wolfbone.
- 19 So if it's Wolfbone, I'll need to know whether there's
- 20 common ownership -- well, it'll change everything.
- MS. BROGGI: Okay. He felt confident this
- 22 was the number, but we are getting confirmation.
- 23 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Okay. Well, just
- 24 please send me that, and in the header of the email,
- 25 just put the case numbers --

- 1 MS. BROGGI: Yes, I will.
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: -- if you get that.
- 3 So these are State Com wells, so they'll be
- 4 permitted pretty soon, probably.
- 5 MS. BROGGI: It's just state acreage.
- 6 EXAMINER JONES: I don't know when that
- 7 fines thing goes into effect. Is that this summer? Is
- 8 that right?
- 9 EXAMINER BROOKS: I don't know either.
- 10 EXAMINER JONES: They're frantically
- 11 working on that right now, the fines for the
- 12 applications for drilling and --
- 13 EXAMINER BROOKS: I would assume it's not
- 14 fines. Those are --
- 15 EXAMINER WARNELL: Fees.
- 16 EXAMINER JONES: I mean -- I mean fees. A
- 17 little bit different.
- MR. FELDEWERT: They feel like fines.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- 20 EXAMINER JONES: Yeah. They're going to
- 21 feel like fines.
- 22 EXAMINER BROOKS: Yeah. Fines and fees
- 23 have a lot in common.
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 EXAMINER BROOKS: But I think everything

- 1 goes into effect July 1st.
- 2 EXAMINER JONES: July 1st?
- 3 EXAMINER BROOKS: Yes.
- 4 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Anyway, that's a
- 5 long ways off. No, it's not, actually. It's not too
- 6 far off.
- 7 MS. BROGGI: So if there are no further
- 8 questions, we would move the admission of Exhibits A, B
- 9 and C and the accompanying exhibits thereto and ask that
- 10 the cases be taken under advisement.
- 11 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Exhibits A, B and
- 12 C, with their accommodating attachments, are admitted,
- 13 and Cases 20074 through 20077 are taken under
- 14 advisement.
- 15 (COG Operating, LLC Exhibits A, B and C are
- offered and admitted into evidence.)
- MS. BROGGI: Thank you very much.
- 18 (Case Numbers 20074 through 20077 conclude,
- 19 8:58 a.m.)
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- 2 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

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