

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:

CASE NOS: 21456, 21457

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC  
TO AMEND ORDER NOS. R-21072, R-21073,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

OCTOBER 8, 2020

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for virtual hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, HEARING OFFICER FELICIA ORTH and TECHNICAL EXAMINERS LEONARD LOWE and KURT SIMMONS on Thursday, October 8, 2020, through the Webex Platform.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Move to Matters 21456 and  
2 21457, COG Operating is the applicant, an application to  
3 amend order. The well name is Sebastian. Who here is from  
4 COG for the applicant?

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. Michael Rodriguez  
6 for COG Operating.

7 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Good morning, Mr.  
8 Rodriguez. Let me pause for a moment to see if there are  
9 any other entries this morning.

10 (No audible response.)

11 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: I hear nothing. Please  
12 go ahead.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. In these consolidated  
14 cases COG is seeking to pool an additional interest owner  
15 under Order Numbers R-21072A and R-21073A.

16 The application packets sent in to the Division  
17 on Tuesday include the landman's affidavit citing the  
18 circumstances, the original Division orders in both cases,  
19 the amended Division orders in both of those cases.

20 It includes, Exhibit 4 includes an unleased  
21 mineral interest owner map showing where the interests are  
22 located within the spacing unit.

23 Exhibit 5 is the lease offer and letter sent to  
24 the lease mineral interest owner.

25 And Exhibit 6 is the notice of affidavit and

1 notice of publication verifying that all notice requirements  
2 have been met.

3 And with that, Madam Examiner, I ask that these  
4 exhibits in both cases be admitted into the record in Case  
5 Numbers 21456 and 21457 be taken under advisement.

6 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you, Mr. Rodriguez.  
7 Mr. Simmons, do you have any questions?

8 TECHNICAL EXAMINER SIMMONS: Yes. So this is --  
9 so you are seeking to amend an already-amended order? Do I  
10 understand you correctly?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, that's correct.

12 TECHNICAL EXAMINER SIMMONS: You're just adding a  
13 new interest owner? Is that what you said?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. It's a single unleased  
15 mineral interest owner, the New Mexico Department of  
16 Transportation. We were having some issues as to whether or  
17 not they actually owned mineral rights, and so out of an  
18 abundance of caution, we just went through the process of  
19 pooling them so there wouldn't be any issues going forward.

20 TECHNICAL EXAMINER SIMMONS: Gotcha, okay,  
21 thanks. No more questions.

22 HEARING EXAMINER ORTH: Thank you, Mr. Simmons.  
23 Mr. Rodriguez, the exhibits are accepted and the case will  
24 be taken under advisement.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

1 (Exhibits admitted.)

2 (Taken under advisement.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court  
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the  
8 foregoing virtual proceedings in stenographic shorthand and  
9 that the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript  
10 of those proceedings to the best of my ability.

11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
12 nor related to any of the parties or attorneys in this case  
13 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
14 case.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Virtual Proceeding was  
16 of poor to good quality.

17 Dated this 8th day of October 2020.

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/s/ Irene Delgado

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