

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

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

Application of COG Operating, LLC,  
to Amend Order R-21335-A to Extend  
Time to Commence Drilling Operations,  
Lea County, New Mexico.

Case No. 22077

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

AUGUST 5, 2021

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, William Brancard, Esq. Hearing Examiner, Baylen Lamkin, Technical Examiner, on August 5, 2021 through the Webex Virtual Conferencing Platform hosted by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 Time noted 9:36 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER BRANCARD: With that I'll call case  
3 22077, Item No. 33 on our agenda, also COG Operating, LLC.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Michael Rodriguez with Hinkle  
5 Shanor on behalf of the Applicant COG Operating.

6 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any  
7 other persons interested in Case 22077? (Note: Pause.)  
8 Hearing none, Mr. Rodriguez you may proceed.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

10 In this case COG requests that the Division  
11 amend Order No. R-21345-A to extend the deadline to  
12 commence drilling operations until June 30, 2022.

13 The Order created a 480-acre standard  
14 horizontal spacing unit comprised of the east half of  
15 Section 20 and the northeast quarter of Section 29,  
16 Township 25 South, Range 35 East, in Lea County, New  
17 Mexico, and it dedicated the unit to COG's Green Beret Fed  
18 Com 501H, 601H and 602H wells.

19 Order No. R-21345A extended the deadline to  
20 commence drilling the wells before January 7, 2022, and  
21 since these Orders were issued COG was required to revise  
22 its drilling schedule due to the delays from Covid 19 as  
23 well as commodity prices over that, uh, tenure, and now  
24 plans to drill these wells after January, 2022.

25 The case packet submitted to the Division

1 contains Exhibit A, which is the landman's testimony and  
2 related attachments.

3 Exhibits A-4 and A-5 are the sample Notice  
4 of Hearing letter, and an Affidavit of Publication  
5 reflecting that all Notice requirements have been met.

6 And with that I ask that Exhibits A and A-1  
7 through A-5 be admitted into the record and Case No. 22077  
8 be taken under advisement.

9 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Mr. Lamkin, any  
10 questions?

11 EXAMINER LAMKIN: None from me. Thanks.

12 EXAMINER BRANCARD: Thank you. Are there any  
13 other interested persons in Case 22077? (Note: Pause.)  
14 Hearing none, the exhibits will be admitted into the  
15 record and Case 22077 will be taken under advisement.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

17 (Time noted 9:43 a.m.)

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5 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

6 I, MARY THERESE MACFARLANE, New Mexico Reporter  
7 CCR No. 122, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on Thursday, August 5,  
8 2021, the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were  
9 taken before me; that I did report in stenographic  
10 shorthand the proceedings set forth herein, and the  
11 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to  
12 the best of my ability and control.

13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
14 nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by the  
15 rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case, and  
16 that I have no interest whatsoever in the final  
17 disposition of this case in any court.

18 /s/ Mary Macfarlane  
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