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Mr. Terry Warnell New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: NMOCD Case No. 14472: in the Matter of the Application of COG Operating, LLC for Cancellation of Operator's Authority and Termination of Spacing Units, Yeso Energy, Inc. Dow "B" 28 Federal Well No. 1, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Warnell:

We appreciate Mr. Bruce providing us with a copy of the IBLA decision in *Penroc Oil Corp. et al.* with which we are familiar. *Penroc Oil* is distinguishable here for the following reasons:

*Unlike the operator in *Penroc Oil Corp.*, Yeso Energy, Inc. is not an operator in good-standing. It's authority to transport or inject was revoked by the Division in Order No. R-12930. Yeso Energy, Inc. did not appeal that revocation. Neither did it appeal Order No. R-12930-A nor Order No. R-12930-B. This most recent order determined that the Yeso wells were to be abandoned and plugged. These orders are binding on Yeso Energy, and its efforts to circumvent them now are an impermissible collateral attack on the Division's orders.

*COG Operating LLC is not asking the Division to grant or transfer any titular interest to the well. The determination of the right to use the well is within the province of the BLM. Notably, the BLM has recently rejected the effort of Yeso Energy to re-enter and recomplete the Dow "B" 28 Federal Well No. 1. (See enclosed copy of the sundry notice from the Division's well file.)

Very truly yours,

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