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

APPLICATION OF CIMAREX ENERGY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No. 14767 Case No. 14768 Case No. 14769 Case No. 14670 Case No. 14771 Case No. 14772 Case No. 14781

RECEIVED OCD

APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING, LLC FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION UNIT, NON-STANDARD LOCATION AND COMPULSORY POOLING,

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 14791 Case No. 14792 Case No. 14793 Case No. 14794 Case No. 14795

COG's CONSOLIDATED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

COG Operating, LLC, submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above referenced cases pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

<u>APPLICANT</u>

ATTORNEY

COG Operating LLC

550 W. Texas Avenue, Suite 100

Midland, Texas 79701

Michael H. Feldewert, Esq.

Holland & Hart, LLP Post Office Box 2208

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208

505/988-4421

OTHER PARTIES

ATTORNEY

Cimarex Energy Co.

600 North Marienfeld, Suite 600

Midland, Texas 79701

James Bruce

Post Office Box 1056

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

(505) 982-2043

OTHER PARTIES

OXY Y-1 Company 6 Desta Drive Midland, Texas 79705

ATTORNEY

J. Scott Hall Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. Post Office Box 2307 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (505) 982-3873

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF CASE

The Section 1 competing well proposals. In Case Nos. 14791-14793, COG seeks an order: (1) creating non-standard 160-acre spacing/proration units and project areas comprised of the E/2 W/2, the W/2 W/2, and the E/2 E/2 of Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying these 160-acre project areas for the purpose of drilling three horizontal wells. In contrast to COG's horizontal development plans, in Case Nos. 14770-14772 and 14781, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the equivalent of eight 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for the purpose of developing the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying this area with at least eight vertical wells.

The Section 31 competing well proposals. In Case Nos. 14794-14795, COG seeks an order (1) creating two non-standard 160-acre spacing/proration units and project areas comprised of the W/2 W/2 and the E/2 E/2 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying these 160-acre project areas for the purpose of drilling two horizontal wells. In contrast to COG's horizontal development plans, in Case Nos. 14767-14769, Cimarex seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the equivalent of three 40-acre oil spacing and proration units for the purpose of developing the Glorieta-Yeso formation underlying this area with at least three vertical wells.

The Division is asked to determine which of these competing development plans are in the best interests of the affected working interest, and in the best interests of conservation and the prevention of waste.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS Name and Expertise	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Stuart Dirks – Landman	Approx. 30	Approx. 8
Noel Navares - Landman	Approx. 30	Approx 5
Raymond Reyes – Geologist	Approx. 15	Approx. 6
T.J. Midkiff – Engineer	Approx. 60	Approx. 15

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

COG requests that the above referenced cases be consolidated for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & HART, LLP

Michael H. Feldewert

Post Office Box 2208

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208

(505) 988-4421

(505) 983-6043 Facsimile

mfeldewert@hollandhart.com

ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING, LLC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this 26th day of January, 2012 via facsimile transmission to:

James Bruce
Post Office Box 1056
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
(505) 982-2043
(505) 982-2151 Facsimile
jamesbruc@aol.com

J. Scott Hall
Montgomery & Andrews
Post Office Box 2307
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
(505) 982-3873
(505) 982-4289 Facsimile
shall@montand.com

Michael H. Feldewert