# 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

Case No. 14793

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#### 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. 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.

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# **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.

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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**

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

# **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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