

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR A
NON-STANDARD SPACING AND PRORATION
UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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CASE NO. 15032

APPLICATION

COG OPERATING LLC, ("COG") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby makes application to the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a non-standard 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG (OGRID No. 229137) is a working interest owner in the W/2 W/2 of Section 23 and has the right to drill thereon.
2. COG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for its proposed **Spotted Owl Fed Com #1H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a non-standard surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 23. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Division's rules.

3. COG has sought and been unable to obtain voluntary agreement for the development of these lands from all of the working interest owners in the subject spacing unit.

4. The pooling of interests will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, will prevent waste and will protect correlative rights.

5. In order to permit COG to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all mineral interests in this non-standard spacing unit should be pooled and COG Operating LLC should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal well and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, COG Operating LLC requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on July 25, 2013, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a non-standard spacing and proration unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the non-standard spacing and proration unit;
- C. Designating COG Operating LLC operator of this non-standard spacing unit and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing COG Operating LLC to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the well;

- E. Approving the actual operating charges and costs of supervision while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and
- F. Imposing a 200% penalty for the risk assumed by COG Operating LLC in drilling and completing the well against any working interest owner who does not voluntarily participate in the drilling of the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard, 160-acre spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 W/2 of Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, and (2) pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's proposed **Spotted Owl Fed Com #1H Well**, which will be horizontally drilled from a non-standard surface location in the SW/4 SW/4 (Unit M) to a standard bottom hole location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 23. The completed interval for this well will be within the 330-foot standard offset required by the rules. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of COG Operating LLC as operator of the well and a 200% charge for risk involved in drilling said well. Said area is located approximately 13 miles south of Malaga, New Mexico.