

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

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

CASE NO. 15609

**APPLICATION**

COG Operating LLC, ("COG") through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division pursuant to the provisions of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 70-2-17, for an order (1) creating a 320-acre, more or less, spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, and the W/2 E/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation. In support of its application, COG states:

1. COG Operating LLC (OGRID No. 229137) owns a working interest in the proposed non-standard spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.
2. COG proposes to dedicate the above-referenced spacing and proration unit as the project area for two proposed wells: the proposed **Columbus Fee No. 23H Well** and the proposed **Columbus Fee No. 24H Well**, which will be simultaneously drilled and completed. Both wells will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34 to a standard bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 3.

3. The completed interval for each well will remain within the 330-foot standard offset required by the Statewide Rules set forth in 19.15.15 NMAC.

4. 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.

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

6. In order to permit COG to obtain it's just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted 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 requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 15, 2016, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Creating a 320-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, and the W/2 E/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
- B. Pooling all uncommitted 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 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 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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**ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING LLC**

CASE 15609 :

**Application of COG Operating LLC for a non-standard spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order (1) creating a non-standard, 320-acre, more or less, non-standard spacing and proration unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, and the W/2 E/2 of Section 3, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico; and (2) pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying this acreage. Said non-standard unit is to be dedicated to applicant's two proposed wells: the proposed **Columbus Fee No. 23H Well** and the proposed **Columbus Fee No. 24H Well**, which will be simultaneously drilled and completed. Both wells will be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NE/4 (Unit B) of Section 34 to a standard bottom hole location in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 3. The completed interval for each well will remain 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 11 miles southwest of Ochoa, New Mexico.