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

# APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 20694

#### APPLICATION

COG Operating LLC ("Applicant") (OGRID No. 229137), 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 pooling all uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of Lots 1-2, S/2 NE/4, and the SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 4, and the E/2 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. In support of its application, COG states:

1. Applicant is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit and has the right to drill thereon.

2. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells:

- The Mastiff Fed Com #701H and the Mastiff Fed Com #702H wells to be drilled from surface hole locations in NE/4 NE/4 (Lot 1) of Section 4 to bottom hole locations in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 9.
- The Mastiff Fed Com #703H, Mastiff Fed Com #704H, and the Mastiff Fed Com #705H wells to be drilled from surface hole locations in NW/4 NE/4 (Lot

2) of Section 4 to bottom hole locations in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section9.

The completed interval for the proposed **Mastiff Fed Com #703H** well will be within 330' of the quarter-quarter line separating the W/2 E/2 and the E/2 E/2 of Sections 4 and 9 to allow inclusion of this acreage into a standard 640-acre horizontal well spacing unit.

3. Applicant 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 Applicant to obtain its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, all uncommitted interests in this horizontal spacing unit should be pooled and Applicant should be designated the operator of this proposed horizontal wells and spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on August 8, 2019, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted interests in the horizontal spacing unit;
- B. Approving the initial wells in the horizontal spacing unit;
- C. Designating Applicant as the operator of this spacing unit and the horizontal wells to be drilled thereon;
- D. Authorizing Applicant to recover its costs of drilling, equipping and completing the wells;

2

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

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLAND & HART LLP

By

Michael H. Feldewert Adam G. Rankin Julia Broggi Kaitlyn A. Luck Post Office Box 2208 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2208 (505) 988-4421 (505) 983-6043 Facsimile mfeldewert@hollandhart.com agrankin@hollandhart.com jbroggi@hollandhart.com kaluck@hollandhart.com

# ATTORNEYS FOR COG OPERATING LLC

CASE :

### Application of COG Operating LLC for compulsory pooling, Lea

**County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order pooling all uncommitted interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a standard 640-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of Lots 1-2, S/2 NE/4, and the SE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 4 and the E/2 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks to dedicate the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to the following proposed wells:

- The Mastiff Fed Com #701H and the Mastiff Fed Com #702H wells to be drilled from surface hole locations in NE/4 NE/4 (Lot 1) of Section 4 to bottom hole locations in the SE/4 SE/4 (Unit P) of Section 9.
- The Mastiff Fed Com #703H, Mastiff Fed Com #704H, and the Mastiff Fed Com #705H wells to be drilled from surface hole locations in NW/4 NE/4 (Lot 2) of Section 4 to bottom hole locations in the SW/4 SE/4 (Unit O) of Section 9.

The completed intervals for the proposed **Mastiff Fed Com #703H** well will be within 330' of the quarter-quarter line separating the W/2 E/2 and the E/2 E/2 of Sections 4 and 9 to allow inclusion of this acreage into a standard 640-acre horizontal well spacing unit. Also, to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells, the allocation of the cost thereof, the actual operating costs and charges for supervision, the designation of applicant as operator, and the imposition of 200% charge for risk involved in drilling and completing each well. Said area is located approximately 23 miles east of Loving, New Mexico.