

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:**

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

Case No. 15949

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

Case No. 15950

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

Case No. 15951

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

Case No. 15952

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

Ascent Energy, LLC

Attention: Lee Zink

APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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OPPONENT

OPPONENT'S ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

Case 15949: Applicant seeks a 143.56-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of Lots 1-4 (the W/2W/2) of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation. The unit is dedicated to the Sombrero Fed. Com. Well No. 501H, a horizontal well with a surface location in Lot 4 of adjoining Section 7, and a terminus in Lot 4 of Section 18.

Case 15950: Applicant seeks a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation. The unit is dedicated to the Sombrero Fed. Com. Well No. 503H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE/4SW/4 of adjoining Section 7, and a terminus in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 18.

Case 15951: Applicant seeks a 160-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying. The unit is dedicated to the Sombrero Fed. Com. Well No. 701H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE/4SW/4 of adjoining Section 7, and a terminus in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 18.

Case 15952: Applicant seeks a 143.56-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of Lots 1-4 (the W/2W/2) of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation. The unit is to be dedicated to the Sombrero Fed. Com. Well No. 702H, a horizontal well with a surface location in Lot 4 of adjoining Section 7, and a terminus in Lot 4 of Section 18.)

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells.

OPPONENT

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

Lee Zink
(landman)

20 min.

Approx. 10

William Metz
(geologist)

25 min.

Approx. 10

OPPONENTS

WITNESSES

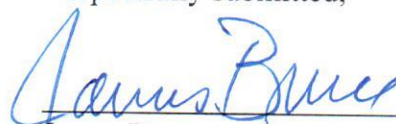
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EXHIBITS

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The cases should be consolidated for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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