

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

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

CASE NO. 15992

CIMAREX'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Cimarex Energy Co. ("Cimarex") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

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STATEMENT OF CASE

OPPONENT CIMAREX ENERGY CO.

In Case Nos. 15992 – 15996, Ascent Energy, LLC has requested the creation of five non-standard proration units for development within Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County New Mexico to accommodate the drilling of the Trucker Fed. Com Well Nos. 501H, 502H, 601H, 701H and 703H. In its well proposal letters, Ascent Energy has proposed to drill these wells from an off-lease surface location, located within the E/2 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 33 East.

Cimarex is the lessee of record for the E/2 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 33 East. It objects to the development plans for Ascent Energy's wells on the basis that proposed surface locations will impair Cimarex's correlative rights and cause waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OPPONENT CIMAREX ENERGY CO.:

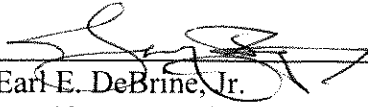
<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Cody Elliott – Landman	Approx. 20	Approx. 6
Harry Hastings – Geologist	Approx. 15	Approx. 4
Krista Hickey- Engineer	Approx. 15	Approx. 4

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Cimarex does not have any procedural issues at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on March 8, 2018:

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