

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

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

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CASE NO. 16409

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COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

CASE NO. 16410

MARATHON OIL COMPANY'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon"), submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced cases pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

Application in Case No. 16409 seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Sections 28 and 33, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant in Case No. 16410 seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2E/2 of Sections 28 and 33, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant in Case No. 16484 seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 28 and 33, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant in Case No. 16486 seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2 E/2 of Sections 28 and 33, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

OPPONENT/INTERVENOR:

Marathon opposes this application to protect its correlative rights and to present arguments

to demonstrate that granting the application will not promote the prevention of waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

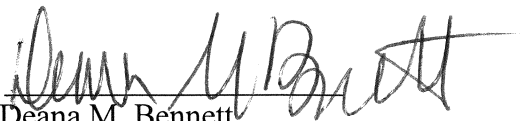
APPLICANT:

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
TBD– Landman	Approx. 45	Approx. 5
TBD – Geologist	Approx. 45	Approx. 4
TBD- Engineer	Approx. 45	Approx. 4

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Marathon respectfully requests a continuance to February 7, 2019, so that it can fully consider the well proposal submitted by the applicant and pursue the option of seeking a special docket date.

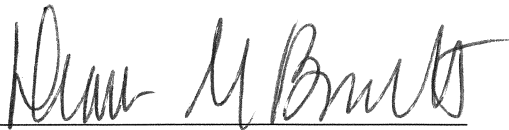
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on January 3, 2018:

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