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April 21, 2020

Ascent Energy LLC (OGRID 325830)
c/o Mr. James Bruce, Attorney
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RE: Request for time Extension to Spud Well

Case No. 16483, R-20451 approved date April 30th, 2019

Deadline to commence drilling April 30th, 2020

Applicant/Operator: Ascent Energy, LLC

Proposed Well:

Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 505H; API: 30-025-PENDING

Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 603H; API: 30-025-PENDING

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following pertains to your request received by the Division on April 20, 2020 and to the requirements in the captioned hearing order. You have requested an extension of the deadline to commence drilling given by the Division in the captioned order.

As stated, you are requesting an extension to spud this well because the APD to drill the well within the pooling order involves Federal lands, and the BLM has not yet approved the APDs. There was no opposition in the captioned case. You are requesting an additional year in which to spud this well. The spud date is now extended to **April 30th, 2021**.

Ordering Paragraph No. (5) and No. (6) of the captioned order is hereby amended, changing "April 30, 2020" to "April 30, 2021". The requested additional year in which to commence drilling is hereby granted.

All other provisions of this order remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
Director

AS/lrl

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office
Case No. 16483

Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

From: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:55 PM
To: 'Jim Bruce'
Cc: Kautz, Paul, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Subject: Ascent Energy LLC, Extension Requests approved
Attachments: R-20451.CASE 16483_Ascent_Extension to Spud_SIGNED.pdf; R-20454.CASE 16486_Ascent_Extension to Spud_SIGNED.pdf; R-20452.CASE 16484_Ascent_Extension to Spud_SIGNED.pdf; R-20453.CASE 16485_Ascent_Extension to Spud_SIGNED.pdf

Importance: High

Mr. Jim Bruce,

The OCD has granted permission to extend the spud date for each of the attached Case Numbers.

These approved extension letters will be placed in each of their associated Case Files.

Thank you,

Leonard R. Lowe

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