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December 14, 2020

ASCENT ENERGY, LLC (OGRID 325830)
c/o James Bruce, Agent
jamesbruc@aol.com
P.O. Box 1056
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Request for Time Extension to Commence drilling
Case No. 16232, R-20376 approved date February 11, 2019
Deadline to commence drilling February 28, 2021
Applicant/Operator: ASCENT ENERGY, LLC
Proposed Well:
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 703H, API No. 30-025-46587
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 704H, API No. 30-025-46588

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following pertains to your request received by the Division on November 25th, 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 due to "Ascent recently received 8 approved permits on October 21, 2020 covering the lands associated with the Orders, Ascent is actively negotiating a rig contract". 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, **February 28, 2022**.

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/jag

CC: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office; Case No. 16232



November 25, 2020

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1120 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Attn: OCD Engineer

RE: Compulsory Pooling Order Request
R-20376
R-20377
R-20451
R-20452
R-20453
R-20454

To Whom It May Concern:

Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") hereby requests a one (1) year extension on the captioned Compulsory Pooling Orders (the "Orders") which are due to expire in February and April of 2021. Ascent has been diligently pursuing federal permits across the lands to which the Orders apply. Ascent recently received 8 approved permits on October 21, 2020 covering the lands associated with the Orders. Ascent is actively negotiating a rig contract and working to properly, and appropriately, develop the Lease.

Accordingly, Ascent respectfully requests the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division grant Ascent a one (1) year extension on the following Compulsory Pooling Orders: R-20376, R-20377, R-20451, R-20452, R-20453, R-20454.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (720) 710-8923 or lzink@ascentenergy.us.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "L. Zink", written over a light blue circular background.

Lee Zink
Vice President of Land

Cc: Jim Bruce

Garcia, John A, EMNRD

From: jamesbruc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Garcia, John A, EMNRD
Subject: [EXT] Ascent Energy extension requests

John: You sent the message below to Ascent. Ascent has informed me that no pooled working interested owner has yet elected to participate under the orders, so no additional notice is required. If you need an affidavit to that effect I will get you one from Lee Zink.

Jim

I recently received Ascent's request for an extension of time to commence drilling operations under Orders:

R-20376
R-20377
R-20451
R-20452
R-20453
R-20545

I am emailing to get confirmation that Order paragraph seven (7) page three (3) was completed. *"The operator shall provide a copy of any request for extension of time to drill or complete any well filed with the Director pursuant to this order to each pooled working interest owner who has elected to participate in the drilling of any well that is the subject of the request. Such copy shall be sent at the same time the request is sent to the Director.* For Orders R-20376 and R-20377 it is paragraph nine (9) page five (5).

If you can provide me proof of notice I can further review these extension requests.

Thank you,

John Garcia
Petroleum Specialist
Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
505-476-3441