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<u>Via e-mail</u>
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1220 South St. Francis Drive
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Re: Request of Ascent Energy, LLC to extend well commencement deadlines in pooling orders

Ladies and gentlemen:

The following pooling orders were issued to Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") on February 11, 2019:

Order No. R-20376; Case No. 16232
 Wells: Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 703H (API No. 30-025-46587)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 704H (API No. 30-025-46588)
 Well Unit: W/2W/2 of Section 28 and W/2W/2 of Section 33
 Hat Mesa; Wolfcamp Pool (Pool Code 96438)

Order No. R-20377; Case No. 16233
 Wells: Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 201H (API No. 30-025-46580)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 303H (API No. 30-025-46581)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 304H (API No. 30-025-46582)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 401H (API No. 30-025-46583)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 503H (API No. 30-025-46584)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 504H (API No. 30-025-46585)
 Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 602H (API No. 30-025-46586)

Well Unit: W/2W/2 of Section 28 and W/2W/2 of Section 33

Pool: Bone Spring; Hat Mesa Pool (Pool Code 30213)

All of the lands are located in Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

Ordering Paragraph (6) in each of the above orders granted Ascent until February 29, 2020 to commence the wells. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (7) in each order, Ascent requests a one year extension of the well commencement deadlines, through February 28, 2021.

The reason for the extension request is as follows: Compulsory pooling was necessary because Ascent did not own an interest in each quarter-quarter section in the well units. As a result, under Division requirements, Ascent could not file APDs for the wells until the pooling orders were issued. The lands involved are federal lands, and the BLM took a substantial time to process and approve the APDs. The APDs issued recently, and Ascent is in the process of contracting for a rig and related services. While contracting should be completed soon, a rig will not arrive until mid-March at best. The one year extension is requested because nine wells need to be drilled. Therefore, Ascent requests an additional one year to contract for a rig and commence the above wells.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed by the Division.

Very truly yours,

Attorney for Ascent Energy, LLC