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#### GAS CAPTURE PLAN

Date: 01/04/18	
☐ Original ☐ Amended - Reason for Amendment:	Operator & OGRID No.: Ascent Energy, LLC 325830

This Gas Capture Plan outlines actions to be taken by the Operator to reduce well/production facility flaring/venting for new completion (new drill, recomplete to new zone, re-frac) activity.

Note: Form C-129 must be submitted and approved prior to exceeding 60 days allowed by Rule (Subsection A of 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

## Well(s)/Production Facility - Name of facility

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Well Name	API	Well Location	Footages	Expected	Flared or	Comments		
		(ULSTR)		MCF/D	Vented			
Brotosaurus 301H	N/A	M-15-215-35E	235 FSL 640 FWL	1,000	Flared	New Well		
30.	025-443	10						

#### **Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

Well(s) will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete,	if gas transporter system is in place.					
The gas produced from production facility is dedicated to Targa and will be co	onnected to Targa low/high					
pressure gathering system located in Lea County, New Mexico. It will require						
facility to low/high pressure gathering system. Ascent provides (periodically) to Tar	rga a drilling, completion and					
estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable f	future. In addition, Ascent and					
Targa have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion sol	hedules. Gas from these wells will be					
processed at Targa Processing Plant located in	Lea County, New Mexico. The					
actual flow of the gas will be based on compression operating parameters and gathering system pressures.						

### Flowback Strategy

After the fracture treatment/completion operations, well(s) will be produced to temporary production tanks and gas will be flared or vented. During flowback, the fluids and sand content will be monitored. When the produced fluids contain minimal sand, the wells will be turned to production facilities. Gas sales should start as soon as the wells start flowing through the production facilities, unless there are operational issues on <u>Gas Transporter</u> system at that time. Based on current information, it is <u>Operator's</u> belief the system can take this gas upon completion of the well(s).

Safety requirements during cleanout operations from the use of underbalanced air cleanout systems may necessitate that sand and non-pipeline quality gas be vented and/or flared rather than sold on a temporary basis.

## **Alternatives to Reduce Flaring**

Below are alternatives considered from a conceptual standpoint to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Power Generation On lease
  - o Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas On lease
  - o Gas flared would be minimal, but might be uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines
- NGL Removal On lease
  - Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines