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Date: 5/7/18 □ Original Operator & OGRID No.: Ascent Energy, LLC 325830 ☐ Amended - Reason for Amendment:

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

The well(s) that will be located at the production facility are shown in the table below.

	Well Name	API	Well Location (ULSTR)	Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments			
	Toque State Com 201H		L17-6-21S-33E	2471 FNL 320 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			
	Toque State Com 301H		L17-6-21S-33E	2471 FNL 350 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			
>	Toque State Com 401H	44/8	L17-6-21S-33E	2471 FNL 380 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			
	Toque State Com 502H		L17-6-21S-33E	2516 FNL 320 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			
	Toque State Com 601H		L17-6-21S-33E	2516 FNL 350 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			
	Toque State Com 701H		L17-6-21S-33E	2516 FNL 380 FEL	1,000	Flared	New Well			

## **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 DCP Operation Company, LP and will be connected to DCP Operation Company, LP low/high pressure gathering system located in Lea County, New Mexico. It will require 1,250' of pipeline to connect the facility to low/high pressure gathering system. Ascent Energy, LLC provides (periodically) to DCP Operation Company, LP a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Ascent Energy, LLC and DCP Operation Company, LP have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at DCP Operation Company, LP Processing Plant located in Eddy 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 DCP Operation Company, LP system at that time. Based on current information, it is Ascent Energy, LLC's 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 nonpipeline 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
  - Only a portion of gas is consumed operating the generator, remainder of gas will be flared
- Compressed Natural Gas On lease
  - 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