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ATT: James S. Rutley 620 E Greene Street Carlsbad, NM 88220

STATE LAND OFFICE ATT: Stephen Wust **PO BOX 1148** Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL IN POTASH AREA

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Thank you for your assistance. Please Return as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Hobbs District Geologist, District I

RESONSE:

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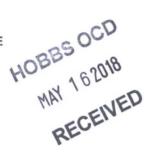
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Dear Mr. Kautz:

Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") has submitted the application for permit to drill for the seventeen above referenced Toque State Com wells (the "Wells") to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on May 3, 2018. Since the Well is located within the Designated Potash Area, Ascent has researched the Bureau of Land Management and New Mexico State Land Office records and has not located any active potash lease(s) within 1 mile of the Well.

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

Kindest Regards,

Lee Zink Land Manager