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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

#### **GAS CAPTURE PLAN**

Date: 4-21-18

X Original 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 Kalle (Subsection 19.15.18.12 NMAC).

Well(s)/Production Facility – Name of facility

Well(s)/Production The well(s) that w	are shown in the	re shown in the table below. ECEIVED  SHL Expected Flared or Comments  Footages MCF/D Vented  263' FSL & flare until well clean.				
Well Name	API	SHL (ULSTR)	SHL Footages	Expected MCF/D	Flared or Vented	Comments
Big Moose Fed Com 204H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	263' FSL & 895' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 307H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	263' FSL & 865' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 308H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	263' FSL & 835' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 404H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	263' FSL & 805' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 505H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	308' FSL & 865' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 506H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	308' FSL & 805' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 604H	30-025- 46548	M-1-21s-32e	308' FSL & 835' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 707H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	308' FSL & 895' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect
Big Moose Fed Com 505H	30-025-	M-1-21s-32e	308' FSL & 775' FWL	200	≈30 days	flare until well clean, then connect

## **Gathering System and Pipeline Notification**

Well will be connected to a production facility after flowback operations are complete, if gas transporter system is in place. Gas produced from this production facility has not yet been dedicated. One possible outlet is a proposed 3Bear line 1 mile east of the pad. Operator will provide (periodically) to Gas Transporter a drilling, completion and estimated first production date for wells that are scheduled to be drilled in the foreseeable future. In addition, Operator and Gas Transporter will have periodic conference calls to discuss changes to drilling and completion schedules. Gas from these wells will be processed at Gas Transporter Processing Plant at an as yet undetermined location. 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 ultimately 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
  - o Plants are expensive, residue gas is still flared, and uneconomical to operate when gas volume declines