

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY,
LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21543,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Ascent Energy, LLC applies for an order amending Order No. R-21543, and in support thereof states:

1. Order No. R-21543 pooled mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 16 and the W/2W/2 of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

2. Applicant proposes to drill the Pony Express Fed. Com. Well No. 701H to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. The order designates Applicant as operator of the well.

3. This matter was heard on November 5, 2020, and Order No. R-21543 was entered on November 13, 2020.

54. Paragraph 19 of Order No. R-21543 requires the operator to commence the well within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 20 of the order provides that the order will terminate if the well is not timely commenced, unless the operator "obtains an extension by an amendment of this Order for good cause shown."


6. Applicant requests an extension of the drilling deadline due to market conditions which have altered drilling schedules, and the coronavirus situation. In addition, the federal APD for the well took a substantial amount of time to be approved, not leaving enough time to timely

timely commence the well. Applicant still intends to drill the subject well. Thus good cause exists for Applicant's request for an extension.

7. Applicant requests an extension of the well commencement deadline to November 13, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order amending Order No. R-21543 to extend the well commencement deadline to November 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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