

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY,
LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21544,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Ascent Energy, LLC applies for an order amending Order No. R-21544, and in support thereof states:

1. Order No. R-21544 pooled mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a horizontal spacing unit comprised of the E/2W/2 of Section 16 and the E/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 Nos. 503H and 601H to depths sufficient to test the Bone Spring formation. The order designates Applicant as operator of the wells.

3. This matter was heard on November 5, 2020, and Order No. R-21544 was entered on November 13, 2020.

54. Paragraph 19 of Order No. R-21544 requires the operator to commence the wells within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 20 of the order provides that the order will terminate if the wells are 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 APDs for the wells took a substantial amount of time to be approved, not leaving enough time to

timely commence the wells. Applicant still intends to drill the subject wells. 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-21544 to extend the well commencement deadline to November 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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