

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21543,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Matador Production Company ("Matador") applies for an order amending Order No. R-21543, and in support thereof states:

1. Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") was granted Order No. R-21543, pooling 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. Ascent proposed to drill the Pony Express Fed. Com. Well No. 701H to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. The order designated Ascent as operator of the well.
3. The case was heard on November 5, 2020, and Order No. R-21543 was entered on November 13, 2020.
4. 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."
5. Ascent recently conveyed its working interest in the well unit to MRC Permian Company ("MRC"). Matador is the operator for MRC.
6. Matador 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 commence the well. Also, the change in operators has slowed the drilling timeline. Matador intends to drill the subject well. Thus good cause exists for Matador's request for an extension.

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

8. Ascent filed an application to extend the drilling commencement deadline on November 12, 2021, which was designated Case No. 22360. This case is still pending. Matador requests that the filing of this application relate back to the date Ascent's application was filed.

**WHEREFORE**, Matador 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, and relating back the filing date of this case to November 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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