

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY,  
LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21542,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22359

and

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21542,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22509

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

Case No. 22360

and

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

Case No. 22510

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

Case No. 22361

and

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21544,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22511

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY,  
LLC TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21545,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22362

and

APPLICATION OF MATADOR PRODUCTION  
COMPANY TO AMEND ORDER NO. R-21545,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 22512

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Matador Production Company as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

**APPLICANT**

1. Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") was granted orders, pooling mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp formations, underlying horizontal spacing units collectively comprising the W/2 of Section 16 and the W/2 of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

2. The cases were heard on November 5, 2020, and the orders were entered on November 13, 2020.

3. Paragraph 19 of the orders in the original pooling cases requires the operator to commence the wells within one year of the date of issuance. Paragraph 20 of the orders provides that the orders 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."

4. Ascent timely filed applications to extend the drilling commencement deadlines in the orders on November 12, 2021 in the Ascent cases noted above.

5. Ascent recently conveyed its working interest in the well units to MRC Permian Company ("MRC"). Matador is the operator for MRC.

6. Matador then filed its applications to extend the drilling deadlines. Due to Division filing rules, Matador could not ask to amend the Ascent applications to change the applicant/operator; new cases numbers must be assigned.

7. Matador intends to drill the subject wells, and requests an extension of the well commencement deadlines in the orders to November 13, 2022. Good cause exists for Matador's request for extensions.

8. Matador requests that the filing of its applications relate back to the date Ascent's applications were filed.

**WHEREFORE**, Matador requests the Division enter its order amending orders entered in Ascent's original applications to extend the well commencement deadlines to November 13, 2022, and relating the filing dates of its cases

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**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Sarah Hartsfield (landman)	10 min.	Approx. 4

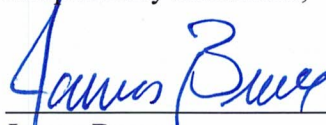
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**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Applicant intends to present the case by affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,



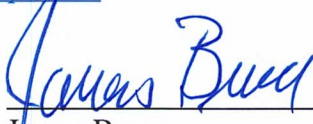
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QUESTIONS

Action 89410

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