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**Subject:** RE: Request for Ascent/Mewbourne/Apache hearing date

Mr. Savage,

Assuming that all parties agree, we will continue the cases to September 8 and issue an amended Pre Hearing Order. Please file continuances via the portal.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** [EXT] Request for Ascent/Mewbourne/Apache hearing date

Mr. Brancard,

After a number of emails to find a workable date for the parties, we would like to request Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, as the date for the contested hearing involving

Ascent/Mewbourne/Apache Cases 21393-94 et al. This is the Wednesday before a Sept. 9 scheduled hearing, and would allow for a Friday if there is need to finish up, since a number of cases are involved. My apologies for the delay, schedules seemed to be tight over the summer.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Darin



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On May 11, 2021, at 11:13 AM, Brancard, Bill, EMNRD <[bill.brancard@state.nm.us](mailto:bill.brancard@state.nm.us)> wrote:

Mr. Savage:

If the parties want to request a different hearing date, they may. We would prefer the Friday after the scheduled hearing dates, such as July 2 or July 16.

Thank you,

Bill Brancard

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**Subject:** [EXT] Amended Motion Cases 21393-94

Mr. Brancard,

We respectfully request that the OCD accept for filing Ascent Energy, LLC's (Amended) Motion to Replace Former Drilling Engineer with New Drilling Engineer as an Expert Witness. The Amended Motion has the proper caption to facilitate filing, along with the attachments of the Drilling Engineer Exhibits for Cases 21393-94.

I have consulted with Ascent about the June 16 hearing date, and have encountered a number of scheduling conflicts that would be very difficult to resolve. One in particular, Ascent's key land witness has a family commitment that that would create a difficult hardship with the June date.

Would it be possible, if you and opposing counsel are open to the request, for counsel to confer and identify workable dates for the hearing, which can be provided for your consideration?

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this request may cause, but fully appreciate any consideration for being able to work around the conflicts.

Thank you,

Darin



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