

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:**

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT, COMPULSORY POOLING,  
AND ONE UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 16232**

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR A NON-STANDARD SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT COMPULSORY POOLING,  
AND ONE UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 16233**

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 16409**

**APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**Case No. 16410**

**AMENDED PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by Ascent Energy, LLC ("applicant" or "Ascent") as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASES

### APPLICANT

**Case No. 16232:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 320-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 28 and the W/2W/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit. The unit will be dedicated to the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 703H and Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 704H, horizontal Wolfcamp wells with first take points in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 33, and last take points in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 28. The producing interval of the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 703H will be orthodox, while the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 704H, which will be at an unorthodox location encroaching upon the E/2W/2 of Section 28 and the E/2W/2 of Section 33.

**Case No. 16233:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 320-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2W/2 of Section 28 and the W/2W/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit. The unit will be dedicated to the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 201H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 303H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 304H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 401H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 503H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 504H, and Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 602H, horizontal Bone Spring wells with first take points in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 33, and last take points in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 28. The producing interval of each well will be orthodox, except for the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 504H, which will be at an unorthodox location encroaching upon the E/2W/2 of Section 28 and the E/2W/2 of Section 33

**Case No. 16409:** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre horizontal spacing unit in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 28 and the E/2E/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. The unit will be dedicated to the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 501H, Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 502H, and Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 601H, horizontal Bone Spring wells with first take points in the SE/4SE/4 of Section 33, and last take points in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 28.



**Case No. 16410:** Applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a 320-acre horizontal spacing unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 28 and the E/2E/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. The unit will be dedicated to the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 701H and the Gavilon Fed. Com. Well No. 702H, horizontal Wolfcamp wells with first take points in the SE/4SE/4 of Section 33, and last take points in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 28.

Also to be considered in each case will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells.

#### OPPONENT

Marathon Oil Permian LLC has filed competing applications in Cases 16321-16323. Ascent opposes these cases, and asks that they be denied.

#### OTHER PARTIES

### **PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

#### APPLICANT

<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Lee Zink (landman)	25 min.	Approx. 15
William Metz (geologist)	25 min.	Approx. 10
Alex Yancey (engineer)	20 min.	Approx. 5

#### OPPONENT

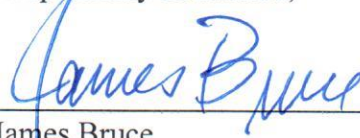
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#### OTHER PARTY

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### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

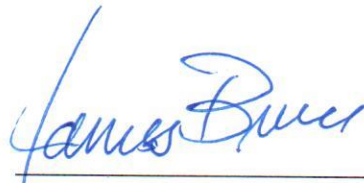
I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following counsel of record this 17th day of September, 2018 via e-mail:

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