

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

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

CASE NO. 16484

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MARATHON OIL COMPANY'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon"), submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the above-referenced cases pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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OPPONENT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT:

In Case No. 16484, Ascent seeks an order pooling mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a 320-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 28 and the W/2E/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East NMPM.

In Case No. 16486, Ascent seeks an order pooling mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying a 320-acre horizontal spacing unit, covering the W/2E/2 of Section 28 and the W/2E/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 33 East NMPM.

OPPONENT:

Marathon opposes these applications to protect its correlative rights and to present arguments to demonstrate that granting the applications will not promote the prevention of waste.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

OPPONENT:

WITNESS	ESTIMATED TIME	EXHIBITS
Ryan Gyllenband– Landman	Approx. 15	Approx. 5
TBD – Geologist	Approx. 10	Approx. 4

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on October 25, 2018:

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