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

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

CASE NO. 16486

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

CASE NO. 16409

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CASE NO. 16410

MARATHON OIL PERMIAN, LLC'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Marathon Oil Permian, LLC ("Marathon") moves the Division to continue Case Nos. 16484, 16486, 16409, and 16410, which are currently scheduled for the January 10, 2019 hearing to a special docket date the week of February 11, 2019 if possible. In support of this Motion, Marathon states as follows:

- 1. The above listed applications have been filed by Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent"). Marathon requests that these applications be continued to February 7, 2018, and the parties agree to a special docket date.
- 2. All of the applications involve acreage located within the E/2 of Sections 28 and 33, Township 20 South, Range 22 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

3. Marathon would like to develop this acreage and has filed competing applications,

in Case Nos. 20135, 20136, 20137, and 20138, which are also currently set for the January 10,

2019 hearing.

4. All of the above-mentioned cases are contested and require a special docket

hearing.

5. The parties have been negotiating a resolution but these discussions have not yet

resulted in an agreement.

6. Marathon therefore requests that the Division continue these matters to February 7,

2019, and requests that the Division set a special docket hearing the week of February 11, 2019,

to hear Ascent Cases 16484, 16486, 16409, and 16410 and Marathon Cases 20135, 20136, 20137,

and 20138. It is expected that each operator will have at least three witnesses and that the hearing

will take an entire day.

7. Ascent opposes this motion.

WHEREFORE, Marathon Oil Permian LLC respectfully requests that the Division

continue the hearing in 16409, 16410, 16484, and 16486 to the February 7, 2019 docket and that

the parties be asked to identify dates for a special docket hearing the week of February 11, 2019,

if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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