

State of New Mexico  
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April 21, 2020

Ascent Energy LLC (OGRID 325830)  
c/o Mr. James Bruce, Attorney  
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369 Montezuma, No 213  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87501

**RE: Request for time Extension to Spud Well**  
Case No. 16486, R-20454 approved date April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Deadline to commence drilling April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Applicant/Operator: Ascent Energy, LLC  
Proposed Well:  
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 707H; API: 30-025-PENDING  
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 708H; API: 30-025-PENDING

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following pertains to your request received by the Division on April 20, 2020 and to the requirements in the captioned hearing order. You have requested an extension of the deadline to commence drilling given by the Division in the captioned order.

As stated, you are requesting an extension to spud this well because the APD to drill the well within the pooling order involves Federal lands, and the BLM has not yet approved the APDs. There was no opposition in the captioned case. You are requesting an additional year in which to spud this well. The spud date is now extended to **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

Ordering Paragraph No. (5) and No. (6) of the captioned order is hereby amended, changing "April 30, 2020" to "April 30, 2021". The requested additional year in which to commence drilling is hereby granted.

All other provisions of this order remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL  
Director

AS/lrl

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office  
Case No. 16486

## **Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD**

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**From:** Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:55 PM  
**To:** 'Jim Bruce'  
**Cc:** Kautz, Paul, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Ascent Energy LLC, Extension Requests approved  
**Attachments:** R-20451.CASE 16483\_Ascent\_Extension to Spud\_SIGNED.pdf; R-20454.CASE 16486\_Ascent\_Extension to Spud\_SIGNED.pdf; R-20452.CASE 16484\_Ascent\_Extension to Spud\_SIGNED.pdf; R-20453.CASE 16485\_Ascent\_Extension to Spud\_SIGNED.pdf

**Importance:** High

Mr. Jim Bruce,

The OCD has granted permission to extend the spud date for each of the attached Case Numbers.

These approved extension letters will be placed in each of their associated Case Files.

Thank you,

**Leonard R. Lowe**

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