

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

Case No. 16085

APPLICATION

Ascent Energy, LLC applies for an order (i) approving a 200-acre non-standard oil spacing and proration unit in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, and (ii) pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard unit, and in support thereof, states:

1. Applicant is an interest owner in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, and has the right to drill a well thereon.
2. Applicant proposes to drill its Big Bucks Fed. Com. Well No. 701H to a depth sufficient to test the Wolfcamp formation. Applicant seeks to dedicate the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 to the well to form a non-standard 200-acre oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation. The well is a horizontal well, with a surface location in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of adjoining Section 1, and a terminus in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13.
3. Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain the voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, for the purposes set forth herein.
4. Although applicant attempted to obtain voluntary agreements from all mineral interest owners to participate in the drilling of the well or to otherwise commit their interests to

the well, certain interest owners have failed or refused to join in dedicating their interests. Therefore, applicant seeks an order pooling all mineral interest owners in the Wolfcamp formation in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§70-2-17, 18.

5. Approval of the non-standard unit, and the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, applicant requests that, after notice and hearing, the Division enter its order:

- A. Approving a non-standard oil spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13;
- B. Pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13;
- C. Designating applicant as operator of the well;
- D. Considering the cost of drilling and completing the well, and allocating the cost among the well's working interest owners;
- E. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- F. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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