

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:

CASE NOS: 20957, 20958

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING AND APPROVAL  
OF AN UNORTHODOX WELL LOCATION,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
EXAMINER HEARING  
December 12, 2019  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

This matter came on for hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, EXAMINERS LEONARD LOWE, DEAN McCLURE, DYLAN COSS and LEGAL EXAMINER ERIC AMES, on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 HEARING EXAMINER COSS: Okay. At this point we  
2 would like to call Case Number 20957, Ascent Energy for  
3 compulsory pooling, non-standard location, and ask if you  
4 would like to combine it with Case Number 20958.

5 MR. BRUCE: Yes, I would, Mr. Examiner.

6 HEARING EXAMINER COSS: And ask if there are any  
7 other entries of appearance for this case.

8 (No response.)

9 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, these are the cases of  
10 Ascent Energy LLC for compulsory pooling. Case 957 is for  
11 the pooling of three Bone Spring wells, one of which is at  
12 an unorthodox location because it's too close to the side  
13 boundary of the well unit.

14 In Case 20958 is for the forced pooling of a  
15 Wolfcamp well.

16 I submitted to you four exhibits, the landman's  
17 affidavit, which shows that notice was given to the offsets  
18 regarding the unorthodox location which is done to complete  
19 the development pattern in this and the offsetting acreage.

20 Geologist affidavit, my affidavit of the notice,  
21 and the publication notice. One thing on the publication  
22 notice, notice was published. I have never received the  
23 affidavit of publication itself. What I have submitted to  
24 you is the statement I got from the newspaper together with  
25 showing the notice as it was published in late November,

1 timely published.

2 I have been in touch with them. I would ask  
3 permission to submit later the actual affidavit of  
4 publication. And with that I would move the admission of  
5 Exhibits 1 through 4 and ask that the cases be taken under  
6 advisement.

7 (Exhibits 1 through 4 offered.)

8 EXAMINER COSS: Okay. Well, with that, the same  
9 caveat, we will expect the later submission of the affidavit  
10 of notice and ask that the non-standard location aspect of  
11 the application be filed separately so that Leonard can deal  
12 with it administratively.

13 MR. BRUCE: Okay.

14 EXAMINER COSS: Other than that, Case Numbers  
15 20957 and 20958 will be taken under advisement.

16 (Cases 20957 and 20958 taken under advisement.  
17 Adjourned.)

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4 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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6 I, IRENE DELGADO, New Mexico Certified Court  
7 Reporter, CCR 253, do hereby certify that I reported the  
8 foregoing proceedings in stenographic shorthand and that the  
9 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcript of those  
10 proceedings that were reduced to printed form by me to the  
11 best of my ability.

12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Reporter's Record of  
13 the proceedings truly and accurately reflects the exhibits,  
14 if any, offered by the respective parties.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
16 nor related to any of the parties of attorneys in this case  
17 and that I have no interest in the final disposition of this  
18 case.

19 Dated this 12th day of December 2019.

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Irene Delgado, NMCCR 253  
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