

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

**APPLICATION FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING
SUBMITTED BY ASCENT ENERGY, LLC**

ORDER NO. PLC-677

ORDER

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having considered the application, issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ascent Energy, LLC (“Applicant”) submitted a complete application to surface commingle and off-lease measure the oil and gas production ("Application") from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. To the extent that ownership is identical, Applicant submitted a certification by a licensed attorney or qualified petroleum landman that the ownership in the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled is identical as defined in 19.15.12.7(B) NMAC.
3. Applicant proposed a method to allocate the oil and gas production to the pools, leases, and wells to be commingled.
4. To the extent that ownership is diverse, Applicant provided notice of the Application to all persons owning an interest in the oil and gas production to be commingled, including the owners of royalty and overriding royalty interests, regardless whether they have a right or option to take their interests in kind, and those persons either submitted a written waiver or did not file an objection to the Application.
5. Applicant provided notice of the Application to the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) or New Mexico State Land Office (“NMSLO”), as applicable.
6. Applicant certified the commingling of oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells will not in reasonable probability reduce the value of the oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated.
7. Applicant in the notice for the Application stated that it sought authorization to add additional pools, leases, and wells and identified the parameters to make such additions.
8. Applicant submitted or intends to submit one or more proposed communitization agreement(s) (“Proposed Agreement(s)”) to the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, identifying the leases to be consolidated into a single pooled area (“Pooled Area”), as described in Exhibit B.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. OCD has jurisdiction to issue this Order pursuant to the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-6, 70-2-11, 70-2-12, 70-2-16, and 70-2-17, and 19.15.12 NMAC.
10. Applicant satisfied the notice requirements for the Application in accordance with 19.15.12.10(A)(2), (C)(4)(c), and (C)(4)(e) NMAC, as applicable.
11. Applicant's proposed method of allocation, as modified herein, complies with 19.15.12.10(B)(1) or (C)(1) NMAC, as applicable.
12. Commingling of oil and gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases shall not commence until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, in accordance with 19.15.12.10(B)(3) and (C)(4)(h) NMAC.
13. Applicant did not give adequate notice that it sought authorization to add pools, leases, or wells as required by 19.15.12.10(C)(4)(g) NMAC.
14. By granting the Application with the conditions specified below, this Order prevents waste and protects correlative rights, public health, and the environment.

ORDER

1. Applicant is authorized to surface commingle and off-lease measure oil and gas production from the pools, leases, and wells identified in Exhibit A.
2. For each Pooled Area described in Exhibit B, Applicant shall submit a Proposed Agreement to the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable, prior to commencing oil and gas production. If Applicant fails to submit the Proposed Agreement, this Order shall terminate on the following day.
3. No later than sixty (60) days after the BLM or NMSLO approves or denies a Proposed Agreement, Applicant shall submit Form C-103 to OCD with a copy of the decision and a description of the approved lands, as applicable. If Applicant withdraws or the BLM or NMSLO denies a Proposed Agreement, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action, and Applicant shall cease commingling the production from the Pooled Area. If the BLM or NMSLO approves but modifies the Proposed Agreement(s), Applicant shall comply with the approved Agreement(s), and no later than sixty (60) days after such decision, Applicant shall submit a new surface commingle application to OCD to conform this Order with the approved Agreement(s). If OCD denies the new surface commingle application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
4. Applicant shall allocate the oil and gas production to each lease within a Pooled Area in proportion to the acreage that each lease bears to the entire acreage of the Pooled Area described in Exhibit B.
5. The oil and gas production from each well shall be separated and metered prior to commingling.

6. Applicant shall measure the commingled oil at a central tank battery described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.18.15 NMAC or 19.15.23.8 NMAC.
7. Applicant shall measure the commingled gas at a central delivery point described in Exhibit A in accordance with 19.15.19.9 NMAC, provided however that if the gas is flared, and regardless whether OCD has granted an exception pursuant to 19.15.18.12(B) NMAC, Applicant shall report the gas in accordance with 19.15.18.12(F) NMAC.
8. Applicant shall calibrate the meters used to measure or allocate oil and gas production in accordance with 19.15.12.10(C)(2) NMAC.
9. If the commingling of oil and gas production from any pool, lease, or well reduces the value of the commingled oil and gas production to less than if it had remained segregated, no later than sixty (60) days after the decrease in value has occurred Applicant shall submit a new surface commingle application to OCD to amend this Order to remove the pool, lease, or well whose oil and gas production caused the decrease in value. If Applicant fails to submit a new application, this Order shall terminate on the following day, and if OCD denies the application, this Order shall terminate on the date of such action.
10. Applicant's request for authorization to add pools, leases, and wells prospectively pursuant to 19.15.12.10(C)(4)(g) NMAC is denied.
11. Applicant shall not commence commingling oil or gas production from state, federal, or tribal leases until approved by the BLM or NMSLO, as applicable.
12. OCD retains jurisdiction and reserves the right to modify or revoke this Order as it deems necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights, public health, or the environment.

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**ADRIENNE SANDOVAL
DIRECTOR**

DATE: 5/27/2020

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Exhibit A

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Operator: **Ascent Energy, LLC (325830)**

Central Tank Battery: **Toque State Com Facility**

Central Tank Battery Location (NMPM): **N/2 SW/4 Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 33 East**

Gas Custody Transfer Meter Location (NMPM): **N/2 SW/4 Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 33 East**

Pools

Pool Name	Pool Code
WC-025 G-08 S213304D; BONE SPRING	97895
WC-025 G-10 S213328O; WOLFCAMP	98033

Leases as defined in 19.15.12.7(C) NMAC

Lease	Location (NMPM)	
VB 20601	E/2 SW/4	Sec 6-T21S-R33E
VB 28370	E/2 W/2	Sec 7-T21S-R33E
VB 20601	W/2 SW/4	Sec 6-T21S-R33E
VB 28370	W/2 W/2	Sec 7-T21S-R33E

Wells

Well API	Well Name	Location (NMPM)	Pool Code	Train
30-025-44148	Toque State Com 501H	K-06-21S-33E	97895	
30-025-44785	Toque State Com 502H	K-06-21S-33E	97895	
30-025-44787	Toque State Com 601H	K-06-21S-33E	97895	
30-025-44788	Toque State Com 602H	K-06-21S-33E	97895	
30-025-44789	Toque State Com 701H	K-06-21S-33E	98033	

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Exhibit B

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Pooled Areas

Pooled Area	Location (NMPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
CA BS NMSLO	E/2 SW/4 Sec 6, E/2 W/2 Sec 7	T21S-R33E	240	A
CA BS NMSLO	W/2 SW/4 Sec 6, W/2 W/2 Sec 7	T21S-R33E	213.97	B
CA WC NMSLO	E/2 SW/4 Sec 6, E/2 W/2 Sec 7	T21S-R33E	240	C

Leases Comprising Pooled Areas

Lease	Location (NMPM)		Acres	Pooled Area ID
VB 20601	E/2 SW/4	Sec 6-T21S-R33E	80	A
VB 28370	E/2 W/2	Sec 7-T21S-R33E	160	A
VB 20601	W/2 SW/4	Sec 6-T21S-R33E	71.13	B
VB 28370	W/2 W/2	Sec 7-T21S-R33E	142.84	B
VB 20601	E/2 SW/4	Sec 6-T21S-R33E	80	C
VB 28370	E/2 W/2	Sec 7-T21S-R33E	160	C