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

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

CASE NOS. 16481, 16482

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018 HEARING

Apache Corporation ("Apache") respectfully requests that the hearing in case No. 16481 and companion case No. 16482 scheduled for November 1, 2018 be continued. In support thereof Apache states:

- 1. On October 2, 2018 Ascent Energy, LLC filed its applications for an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Bone Spring horizontal spacing units in the W/2W/2 of Section 28 and the W/2W/2 of Section 33, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, for its proposed Anvil wells.
- 2. The wells are located in the Potash Area of Eddy County. Apache has proposed an alternative development plan for drilling horizontal wells which conflict with Ascent's plans for development in Section 28. Apache is in the process of obtaining consent for its well proposals and intends to file a separate case for compulsory pooling.
- 3. The issues regarding competing development proposals are complex, and Apache needs additional time to determine if it can reach voluntary pooling with working interest owners concerning its proposal and to prepare for hearing on Ascent's competing proposal. Apache has requested that Case Nos. 16481 and 16482 be continued to a future Examiner Hearing Docket schedule or to a mutually agreeable special Examiner docket date and be heard with the case that will be filed for Apache's competing proposal.

WHEREFORE, Apache Corporation respectfully requests that these matters be continued to a mutually convenient special Examiner docket in December, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
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