

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:

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC                      CASE NO. 16483,  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,                      16485  
NEW MEXICO.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

EXAMINER HEARING

January 24, 2019

Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE:   MICHAEL McMILLAN, CHIEF EXAMINER  
             KATHLEEN MURPHY, TECHNICAL EXAMINER  
             TERRY WARNELL, TECHNICAL EXAMINER  
             DAVID K. BROOKS, LEGAL EXAMINER

This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, Michael McMillan,  
Chief Examiner; Kathleen Murphy and Terry Warnell,  
Technical Examiners; and David K. Brooks, Legal  
Examiner, on Thursday, January 24, 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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# EXHIBITS OFFERED AND ADMITTED

Ascent Energy, LLC Exhibit Number 4	4
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1 (9:08 a.m.)

2 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Okay. I'd like to call  
3 Case Number 16483.

4 Call for appearances.

5 MR. BRUCE: Jim Bruce of Santa Fe on behalf  
6 of Ascent Energy, LLC.

7 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Would you give a brief  
8 description of the case?

9 MR. BRUCE: Mr. Examiner, it's a forced  
10 pooling of --

11 And this should be combined with 16485,  
12 Mr. Examiner, so cases seven and nine on the docket.

13 They were heard. They're the forced  
14 pooling of acreage in the east half-west half of  
15 Sections 28 and 33, 20 South, 33 East. They have been  
16 heard. They were continued only for a publication of  
17 notice purposes.

18 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Any other appearances?

19 MS. BENNETT: Deana Bennett on behalf of  
20 Marathon Oil Permian, LLC. We entered an appearance in  
21 this case, and I am, again, stating our appearance for  
22 the record.

23 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Okay.

24 MR. BRUCE: Anyway, submitted as Exhibit  
25 4 -- there was one person who did not claim his mail, a

1 John Benedict, and so we published notice as against him  
2 for this hearing date.

3 And I move the admission of Exhibit 4 and  
4 ask that the case be taken under advisement.

5 MS. BENNETT: No objection.

6 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Okay. Cases 16483 and  
7 485 shall be taken under advisement.

8 Thank you.

9 Exhibit 4 may now be accepted as part of  
10 the record.

11 (Ascent Energy, LLC Exhibit Number 4 is  
12 offered and admitted into evidence.)

13 EXAMINER McMILLAN: Cases 16483 and 16485  
14 shall be taken under advisement.

15 (Case Numbers 16483 and 16485 conclude,  
16 9:10 a.m.)

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4 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

5 I, MARY C. HANKINS, Certified Court  
6 Reporter, New Mexico Certified Court Reporter No. 20,  
7 and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify  
8 that I reported the foregoing proceedings in  
9 stenographic shorthand and that the foregoing pages are  
10 a true and correct transcript of those proceedings that  
11 were reduced to printed form by me to the best of my  
12 ability.

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

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

20 DATED THIS 8th day of February 2019.

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Date of CCR Expiration: 12/31/2019  
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