

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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December 14, 2020

ASCENT ENERGY, LLC (OGRID 325830)  
c/o James Bruce, Agent  
[jamesbruc@aol.com](mailto:jamesbruc@aol.com)  
P.O. Box 1056  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

**RE: Request for Time Extension to Commence drilling**  
Case No. 16485, R-20453 approved date April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Deadline to commence drilling April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Applicant/Operator: ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
Proposed Well:  
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 705H, API No. 30-025-47864  
Gavilon Federal Com Well No. 706H, API No. 30-025-PENDING

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following pertains to your request received by the Division on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and to the requirements in the captioned hearing order.

You have requested an extension of the deadline to commence drilling given by the Division in the captioned order.

As stated, you are requesting an extension to spud this well due to "Ascent recently received 8 approved permits on October 21, 2020 covering the lands associated with the Orders, Ascent is actively negotiating a rig contract". There was no opposition in the captioned case. You are requesting an additional year in which to spud this well. The spud date is now extended to, **April 30, 2022**.

The requested additional year in which to commence drilling is hereby granted.

All other provisions of this order remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

ADRIENNE SANDOVAL  
Director  
AS/jag

CC: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office;



November 25, 2020

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1120 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Attn: OCD Engineer

RE: Compulsory Pooling Order Request  
R-20376  
R-20377  
R-20451  
R-20452  
R-20453  
R-20454

To Whom It May Concern:

Ascent Energy, LLC ("Ascent") hereby requests a one (1) year extension on the captioned Compulsory Pooling Orders (the "Orders") which are due to expire in February and April of 2021. Ascent has been diligently pursuing federal permits across the lands to which the Orders apply. Ascent recently received 8 approved permits on October 21, 2020 covering the lands associated with the Orders. Ascent is actively negotiating a rig contract and working to properly, and appropriately, develop the Lease.

Accordingly, Ascent respectfully requests the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division grant Ascent a one (1) year extension on the following Compulsory Pooling Orders: R-20376, R-20377, R-20451, R-20452, R-20453, R-20454.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (720) 710-8923 or [lzink@ascentenergy.us](mailto:lzink@ascentenergy.us).

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Zink", is written over a large, faint, light-blue watermark of the Ascent Energy logo.

Lee Zink  
Vice President of Land

Cc: Jim Bruce

**Garcia, John A, EMNRD**

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**From:** jamesbruc@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** Garcia, John A, EMNRD  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ascent Energy extension requests

John: You sent the message below to Ascent. Ascent has informed me that no pooled working interested owner has yet elected to participate under the orders, so no additional notice is required. If you need an affidavit to that effect I will get you one from Lee Zink.

Jim

I recently received Ascent's request for an extension of time to commence drilling operations under Orders:

R-20376  
R-20377  
R-20451  
R-20452  
R-20453  
R-20545

I am emailing to get confirmation that Order paragraph seven (7) page three (3) was completed. *"The operator shall provide a copy of any request for extension of time to drill or complete any well filed with the Director pursuant to this order to each pooled working interest owner who has elected to participate in the drilling of any well that is the subject of the request. Such copy shall be sent at the same time the request is sent to the Director.* For Orders R-20376 and R-20377 it is paragraph nine (9) page five (5).

If you can provide me proof of notice I can further review these extension requests.

Thank you,

**John Garcia**  
*Petroleum Specialist*  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
505-476-3441