

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  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 16084

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 16085

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT, AN UNORTHODOX WELL  
LOCATION, AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 16086

APPLICATION OF ASCENT ENERGY, LLC  
FOR A NON-STANDARD OIL SPACING AND  
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 16087

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

Ascent Energy, LLC  
Attention: Lee Zink

APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

APPLICANT

**Case 16084:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 200-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 12 and the NE/4NE/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit is to be dedicated to the Big Bucks Fed. Com. Well No. 501H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 of adjoining Section 1, and a terminus in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval will be orthodox.

**Case 16085:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 200-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the E/2E/2 of Section 12 and the NE/4NE/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit is to be dedicated to the Big Bucks Fed. Com. Well No. 701H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SE/4SE/4 of adjoining Section 1, and a terminus in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval will be orthodox.

**Case 16086:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 200-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Bone Spring formation comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 12 and the NW/4NE/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit is to be dedicated to the Big Stagg Fed. Com. Well No. 503H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SW/4SE/4 of adjoining Section 1, and a terminus in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval will be orthodox.

**Case 16087:** Applicant seeks an order approving a 200-acre non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area) in the Wolfcamp formation comprised of the W/2E/2 of Section 12 and the NW/4NE/4 of Section 13, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, NMPM. Applicant further seeks the pooling of all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp formation underlying the non-standard spacing and proration unit (project area). The unit is to be dedicated to the Big Stagg Fed. Com. Well No. 703H, a horizontal well with a surface location in the SW/4SE/4 of adjoining Section 1, and a terminus in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 13. The producing interval will be orthodox.

Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the cost thereof, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the wells.

OPPONENT

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES

EST. TIME

EXHIBITS

Lee Zink  
(landman)

25 min.

Approx. 10

William Metz  
(geologist)

20 min.

Approx. 10

OPPONENTS

WITNESSES

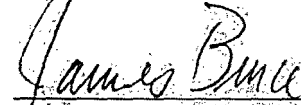
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EXHIBITS

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The cases should be consolidated for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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