

BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL & GAS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED)	
APPLICATION OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC.)	
FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING AN)	Cause No. 510
EXCEPTION LOCATION FOR A WELL TO)	
BE COMPLETED TO THE ILES AND)	Docket No. 0806-EX-04
MANCOS FORMATIONS, GARFIELD)	
COUNTY, COLORADO)	

AMENDED APPLICATION

Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order allowing an exception location for a well completed in the Mancos Formation in the SW/4SW/4, Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, Garfield County, Colorado ("Application Lands"). **This Amended Application amends the Application filed in Docket 0806-EX-04 which only dealt with the Mancos Formation.** In support thereof, Noble Energy, Inc. (referred to herein as "Applicant") states and alleges as follows:

1. That the Applicant has drilled the Cotner 35-14D Well to the Williams Fork Formation at the following legal bottomhole location: **184' FSL and 440' FWL for the Iles and 150' FSL and 440' FWL for the Mancos Formation** in Section 35: SW/4SW/4, T7S, R96W, Garfield County, Colorado. This location satisfies the setbacks for the Williams Fork Formation as established in Docket No. 510-32.
2. This well was drilled to a depth sufficient to reach the Mancos Formation which is unspaced in this area. A bridge plug has been set to isolate the Mancos Formation and allow the well to continue to produce from the Williams Fork Formation.
3. The Mancos Formation is subject to Rule 318a of the Rules and Regulations of this Commission which provides that permitted wells shall be located no closer than six hundred (600) feet from the boundaries of the quarter section or lease line upon which it is located.
4. Applicant seeks an exception from Rule 318a in that it seeks to produce the Cotner 35-14D Well at its current location approximately **184' FSL for the Iles Formation** and 150' FSL and 440' FWL from the unit line boundaries **for the Mancos Formation**.
5. Applicant states that a stand alone Mancos **or Iles Formation** well would not be drilled in this area and that the existing Williams Fork Formation wellbore should be permitted to produce from the Mancos **and Iles Formations** to prevent waste of these resources.
6. That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights of all owners in the area surrounding the proposed location, it is reasonable and equitable to permit an exception location to allow the drilling of a well in the described location. Applicant also asserts that Rule 318.c. of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission provides for exception locations when geologic, topographical or environmental conditions warrant a variance from field rules.
7. That while a number contiguous and cornering Owners in lands toward whom the well is proposed to be moved who are affected by the exception location have executed waivers consenting to this exception location some have not. All such owners are set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by Rule 503.d.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next regular hearing date, that notice thereof be given as required by law and that upon such hearing the Commission enter its order:

A. Determining that the Cotner 35-14D Well be permitted to produce from the **Iles Formation and the Mancos Formation** at its present location in Section 35: SW/4SW/4, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M.

Well Name

Cotner 35-14D Well

Exception Location

184’ FSL and 440’ FWL of Section 35, T7S, R35W, Garfield County, Colorado (Iles Formation)

150’ FSL and 440’ FWL of Section 35, T7S, R96W, Garfield County, Colorado (Mancos Formation)

B. Granting any other relief necessary to prevent waste and protect correlative rights of the owners.

DATED this 23rd day of May, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER)

Robin Hill-Richardson, a Land Negotiator Advisor of Noble Energy Inc., upon oath deposes and says that she has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

NOBLE ENERGY INC.

By: _____
Robin Hill-Richardson, Land Negotiator Advisor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2008, by Robin Hill-Richardson.

Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

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