

BEFORE THE OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) | |
| NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER) | |
| ALLOWING AN EXCEPTION LOCATION FOR) | Cause No. _____ |
| A WELL COMPLETED TO THE LYONS) | |
| FORMATION, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) | Docket No. _____ |

APPLICATION

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") for an order allowing an exception location for a well completed to the Lyons Formation in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands"). In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a. Rule 318.a. provides that a well to be drilled two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet or greater shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.
2. Applicant has drilled and completed the McKay AB 02-14 Well ("Well"), a vertical well, with the intended bottomhole location: 610' FSL, 2140' FWL in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, Weld County, Colorado.
3. Applicant seeks an exception from Rule 318.a. in that it seeks retain the current bottomhole location of the Well as a vertical well at approximately 554' West of the lease line for Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC-67169, a federal lease held by GADECO as lessee.
4. The surface hole location of the Well is situated in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 64 West.
5. 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 and completion of a well in the described location. Applicant also asserts that Commission Rule 318.c. provides for exception locations when geologic, environmental, topographic, or other conditions warrant a variance from field rules.
6. Applicant asserts the Well can be developed in a manner consistent with protection of public health, safety and welfare.

7. Although not required to by Commission Rule 318.c., Applicant has notified, and will immediately seek a waiver from the Bureau of Land Management as lessor of the Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC-67169 at issue in this matter. GADECO, as lessee of the Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC-67169, has waived any objection to the location of Well as evidenced by the waiver letter attached hereto. All interested parties are listed on Exhibit A and notice shall be provided to such parties upon the filing of this Application.
8. 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 either the Director approve this request pursuant to Rule 502.b(1) or, if necessary, 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 drilling and completion of the McKay AB 02-14 Well is confirmed and that the Well may produce from the Lyons Formation in the Application Lands at the aforesaid location.

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

DATED this ____ day of April, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

By: _____

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VERIFICATION

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

P. David Padgett, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Noble Energy, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

P. David Padgett

Subscribed and sworn to before this ____ day of April, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

GADECO
Attn: Jack Grynberg
3600 South Yosemite Street, Suite 900
Denver, Colorado 80237

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Hank Syzmanski
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, CO 80215-7210

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COUNTY, COLORADO)

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
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That she is the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., that on or before May ___, 2011, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April __, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____.

Notary Public

Steil Surveying Services, LLC

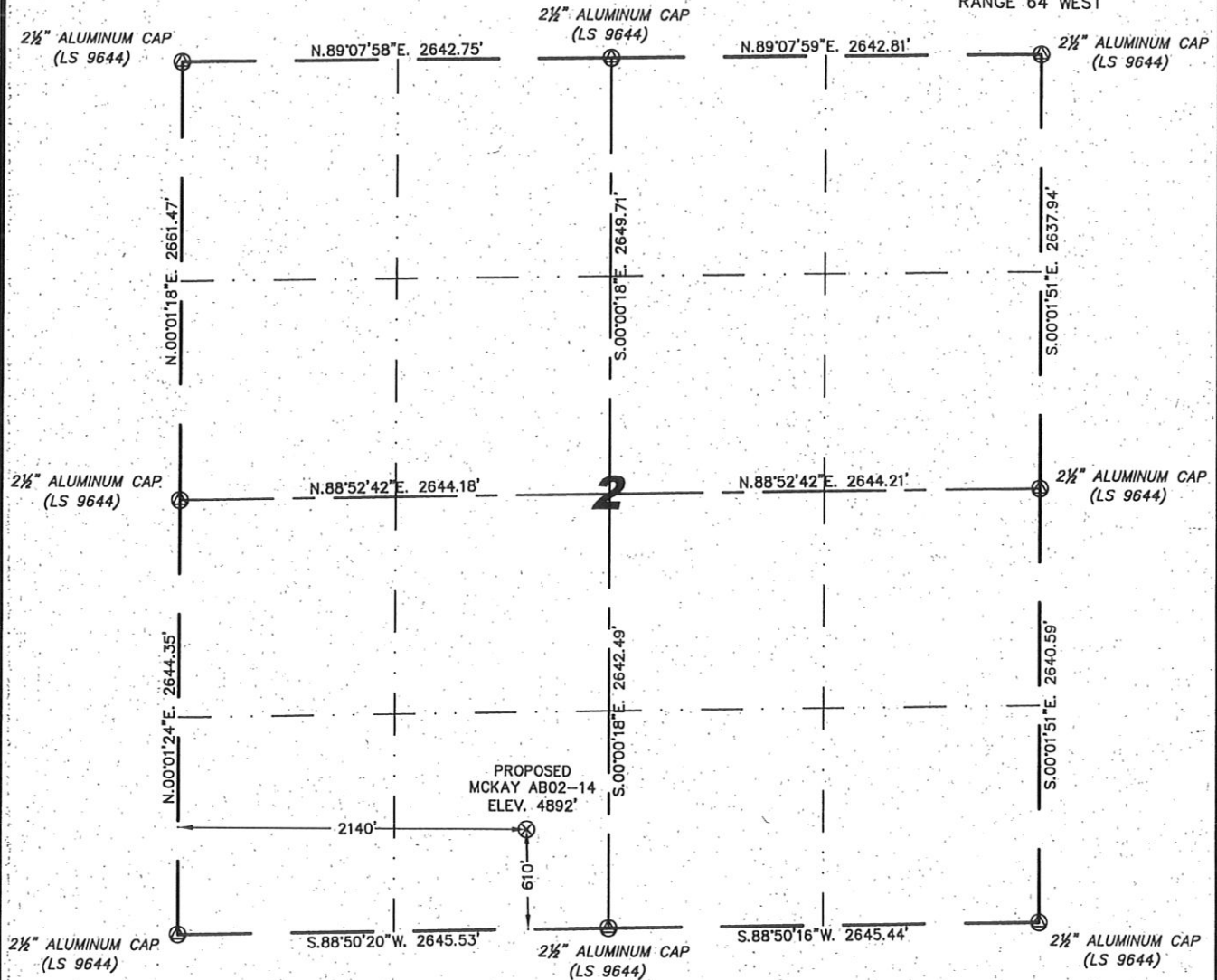
1102 West 19th Street P.O. BOX 2073

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY

SECTION 2
TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH
RANGE 64 WEST



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Scale: 1" = 1000'

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REQUEST FROM ERIK VAN DECAR - NOBLE ENERGY INC, STEIL SURVEYING SERVICES, LLC HAS DETERMINED THE LOCATION OF THE MCKAY AB02-14 WELL TO BE 610' FSL, 2140' FWL, AS MEASURED AT NINETY (90) DEGREES FROM THE SECTION LINES, SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE WAS PREPARED BY ME, OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, THAT THE FIELD WORK WAS COMPLETED ON 02/13/2010, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NOBLE ENERGY INC, THAT IT IS NOT A LAND SURVEY PLAT OR AN IMPROVEMENT SURVEY PLAT, AND THAT IT IS NOT TO BE RELIED UPON FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FENCE, BUILDING, OR OTHER FUTURE IMPROVEMENT LINES.

NOTES:

- 1) BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR THIS MAP ARE BASED UPON GPS OBSERVATIONS MADE ON 03/12/2008 BETWEEN MONUMENTS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST SECTION CORNER AND THE NORTHEAST SECTION CORNER OF SAID SECTION AND WITH ALL BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON RELATIVE THERETO.
- 2) ELEVATIONS ARE BASED UPON NGS OPUS SOLUTION NAVD 88 DATUM.
- 3) THE NEAREST EXISTING WELL IS: NOT IN THIS QUARTER.
- 4) SEE VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBIT FOR ALL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN 400'.
- 5) THE LOCATION FALLS IN PASTURE LAND.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE (NAD 83 SURFACE HOLE):

LATITUDE: N 40.59660°

LONGITUDE: W 104.51801°

PDOP: 1.6

QUARTER-QUARTER: SE/4SW/4

NEAREST PROPERTY LINE: 610' TO THE SOUTH

LEGEND

- (A) FOUND SURVEY MONUMENT PER MONUMENT RECORD - EXCEPTIONS NOTED.
- (C) CALCULATED DIMENSION

NOTICE: According to Colorado law you MUST commence any legal action based upon any defect in this W.L.C. within three years after you first discover such defect. In no event may any action based upon any defect in this W.L.C. be commenced more than ten years from this sold date of the certification shown hereon.

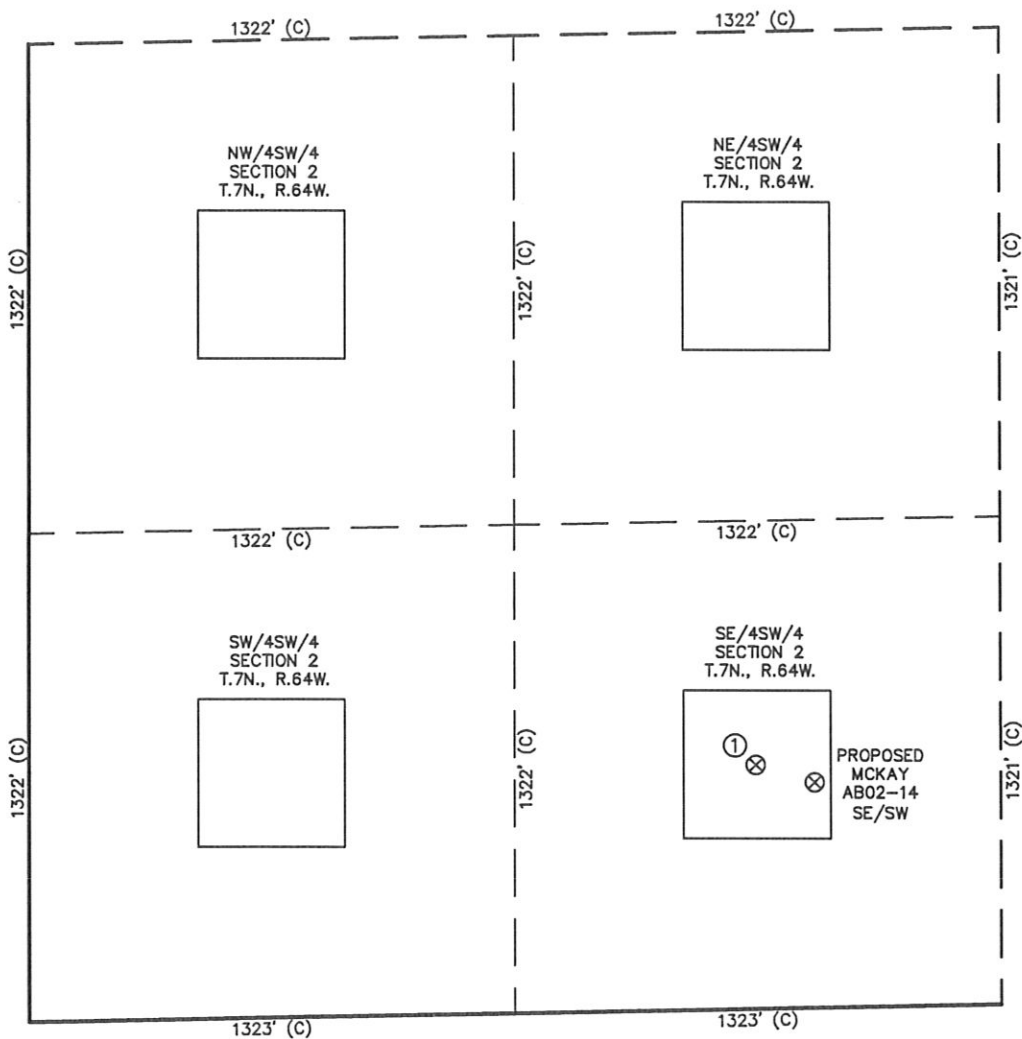


David C. Holmes
Professional Land Surveyor Registration No. 32828
State of Colorado

JOB #: 09086

SITE SKETCH – MCKAY AB02-14

SECTION 2
TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH
RANGE 64 WEST



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ANDERSON-FA
NO. 24-2-7-64
SE/SW SEC. 2
RECORD LOCATION
660' FSL
1980' FWL
(PLUGGED &
ABANDONED)

NOTES:

- 1) THIS SKETCH DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY.
- 2) THE DATUM FOR THE LATITUDES AND LONGITUDES ON THIS SKETCH IS NAD83.



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Scale: 1" = 500'