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September 21, 2009

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**
Request to the Director for 318A.c Twinning Location Exception

HORSE IRON P22-31D
Codell/Niobrara/J-Sand New Drill
Township 3 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 21: SE/4NE/4: 2,426' FNL & 975' FEL (Surface Location)
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Codell/Niobrara/J-Sand formations.

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked outside of the 318Aa drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission in a consent letter from the surface owner.

Under the Revised Rule 318A any new twinning well to be located within 50' of an existing well. The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked approximately 404' from the nearest oil and gas well. Noble has obtained permission, contained in a consent letter, from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waivers and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kate Shirley'.

Kate Shirley
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Land Department

05/13/2009

Arthur Maestas
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
HORSE IRON P22-31D
Township 3 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 21: E/2
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Maestas:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,426 feet FNL, and 975 feet FEL which is outside the drilling window prescribed in Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 318A.a.(1).

By signing this letter you hereby grant your consent to Noble to locate the Well outside of a GWA window as defined in COGCC Rule 318A.a. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 404 feet from an existing surface well location. By signing this letter you also grant your consent to Noble to locate the Well more than 50 feet from the existing well as provided for under COGCC Rule 318A.c.(2).

Noble hereby agrees that it will not drill the Well until you, as the Surface Owner, and Noble have entered into a Surface Use Agreement and the consideration therefore has been paid by Noble.

We would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at (970) 785-5000.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

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Roger Lowe
Senior Land Negotiator

Arthur Maestas

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Date: 6709