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Land Department

July 29, 2009

Guttersen Ranches, LLC
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Directional Drilling Waiver
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
GUTTERSEN STATE D16-21
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: NW/4SE/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Guttersen:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the GUTTERSEN STATE D16-21 well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,608 feet FSL, and 2,600 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 and waive the directional drilling requirement under Rule 318A.e. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 775 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.



Erik T. Van Decar



Guttersen Ranches, LLC

By: Mike Guttersen

Date: 7/29/09