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October 23, 2009

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

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Ashton J33-18D**
Codell/Niobrara/J Sand New Drill
Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.
Section 33: NW/4NW/4: 1201' FNL & 1291' FWL (Surface Location)
Section 33: NE/4NW/4: 1263' FNL & 2469' FWL (Bottom Hole Location)
----- County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("NEI") is planning to drill the captioned boundary well in accordance with the provisions of COGCC Rule 318A.e.

NEI's proposed wellbore spacing unit consists of the W/2NE/4 and the E/2NW/4, T5N, R66W, creating a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit. NEI is not the only owner within the proposed wellbore spacing unit and as such provided notice to the remaining owner(s) within said proposed spacing unit as required under COGCC Rule 318A.e(6). Copies of the required notice letter(s) is/are attached. The required twenty (20) day notice period has elapsed absent the receipt by NEI of an objection to said proposal by the owner(s) within the proposed spacing unit for this well.

Also, enclosed are copies of the following documents to assist you in your review and approval of NEI's proposed APD for the captioned well:

- Plat illustrating the proposed wellbore spacing unit and number of Codell/Niobrara/J Sand wells located within the existing 160-acre governmental quarter section (NW/4) to be less than eight (8) in accordance with COGCC Rule 318A.f.
- Plat illustrating proposed wellbore spacing unit on existing location plat.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. NEI respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

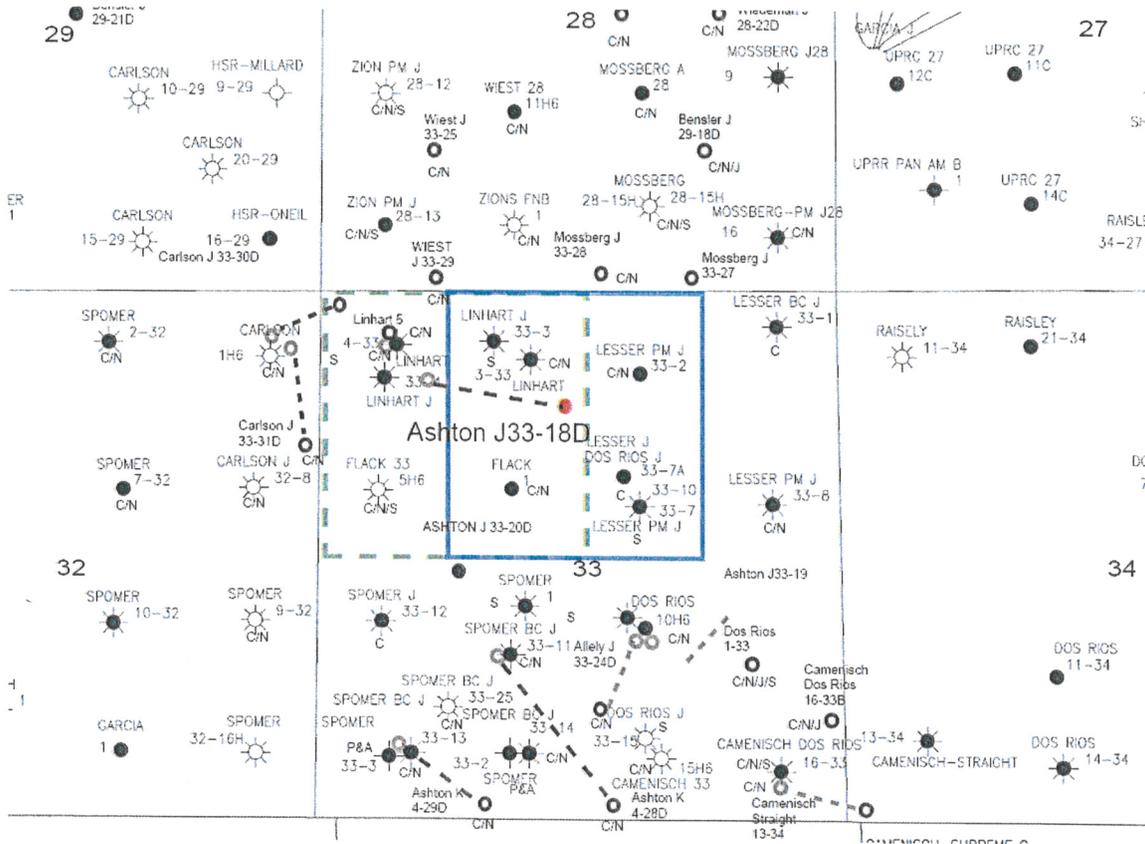
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mari Clark'.

Mari Clark
Regulatory Analyst II
Noble Energy Inc.

Ashton J33-18D

NENW Section 33, T5N, R66W, 6th PM



LEGEND

Proposed 160 acre Spacing Unit

Bottom Hole Located NENW, Sec. 33, T5N-R66W

The governmental 1/4 Section has less than 8 bottom hole wells producing from the Codell, Niobrara, & J-Sand Formations.

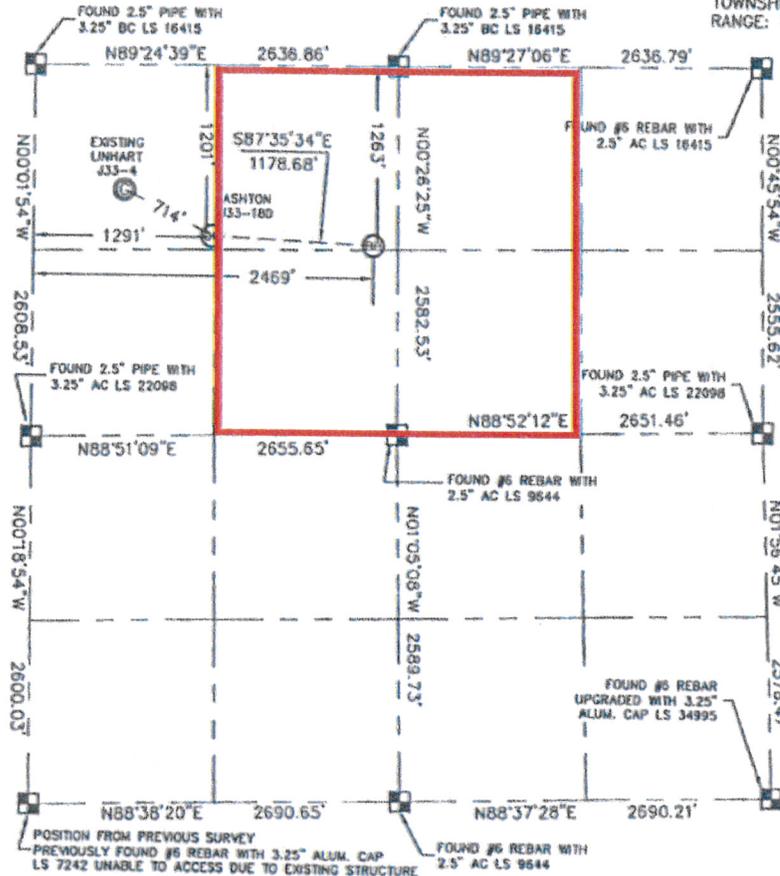
Proposed 318 Ae Spacing Unit

KING SURVEYORS, INC. 650 GARDEN DR. WINDSOR, CO 80550

WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY

SECTION: 33
TOWNSHIP: 5N
RANGE: 66W



In accordance with a request from Drew Hetherington with Noble Energy Inc. King Surveyors Inc. has determined the surface location of the ASHTON J33-180 to be 1201' from the NORTH line and 1291' from the WEST line and the bottom hole to be 1263' from the NORTH line and 2469' from the WEST line as measured at right angles from the section line of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 66 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Weld, State of Colorado. I hereby state that this Well Location Certificate was prepared by me, or under my direct supervision, that the fieldwork was completed on 8/4/2009, for and on behalf of Noble Energy Inc. That this is not a Land Survey Plot or an Improvement Survey Plot, and that it is not to be relied upon for establishment of fence, building, or other future improvement lines.

NOTE:

- 1) Bearings shown are Grid Bearings of the Colorado State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, North American Datum 1983/92.
- 2) Ground elevations are based on an observed GPS elevation (NAVD 1988 DATUM).
- 3) NEAREST EXISTING WELL: LINHART J33-4 714'
- 4) IMPROVEMENTS: See VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS exhibit for all improvements within 400' of well head
- 5) SURFACE USE: GRASS AREA, PASTURE

SURFACE LOCATION
LATITUDE: 40.359987N
LONGITUDE: 104.789517W
POOP: 1.2
ELEV: 8800

BOTTOM HOLE
LATITUDE: 40.358791N
LONGITUDE: 104.784287W



Steven A. Lund—On behalf of King Surveyors, Inc.
Licensed Land Surveyor No. 34995
State of Colorado

LEGEND

- = ALIQUOT MONUMENT AS DESCRIBED
- = CALCULATED POSITION

NOTE
According to Colorado law, you must commence any legal action based upon any defect in this W.L.C. within three years after you discover such defect. In no event, may any action based upon any defect in this survey be commenced more than ten years after the date of the certificate shown hereon. (13-80-105 C.R.S.)

PROJECT#: 2008108

August 21, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 1963

Larry D. Krause
3009 Marguerite Blvd.
Billings, MT 59102

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal
Codell/Niobrara/J Sand: New Well
WELL NAME: Ashton J33-18D
Township 5 North, Range 66 West
Section 33: NE/4NW/4 (BHL)
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Krause:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") intends to propose, drill and operate the referenced well pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). Attached for your information is a plat representing this proposal.

Additional information for this well:

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(4) **Anticipated Spud Date**

1st Quarter, 2010

(5) **Request for Title Information**

In order to facilitate the rendering of a full title opinion, please provide copies of any title opinions, updates and JIB/Rev deck materials for the referenced spacing unit in your possession to Noble.

Pursuant to the aforementioned rule, you have twenty (20) days from your receipt of this notice to object to this proposal. In the event you do not respond to this notice or enter an objection within the established time period, the proposed 160 acre spacing unit set forth herein shall be established. **However, should you have no objection to this proposal, please so indicate by signing in the space provided below and returning to Noble as soon as possible.** Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated so that Noble may timely continue the permitting process for this well.

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Very truly yours,

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.



Angela Mallon
Land Negotiator

AM:jkb

Enclosures

Larry D. Krause:

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By: Larry D. Krause

Date: 8-27-09

1625 Broadway
Suite 2200
Denver, Colorado 80202

Tel: 303.228.4000
Fax: 303.228.4280



August 21, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL
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ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 1970

Johnie M. Ouzts
88 River Park Lane
Carbondale, CO 81623

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal
Codell/Niobrara/J Sand: New Well
WELL NAME: **Ashton J33-18D**
Township 5 North, Range 66 West
Section 33: NE/4NW/4 (BHL)
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By: Johnie M. Ouzts

Date: 9/9/09



August 21, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 1987

Gertrude Weber
c/o Malvern Farm
249 Malvern Farm
Charlottesville, VA 22903

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal
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WELL NAME: **Ashton J33-18D**
Township 5 North, Range 66 West
Section 33: NE/4NW/4 (BHL)
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Weber:

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By: 

Date: 9/01/09

August 26, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

ARTICLE # 7008 1830 0003 4247 8391

Merit Energy Company
Attn: Laura Dorety
13272 Noel Rd., Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75240

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal - Corrected
Codell/Niobrara/J Sand: New Well
WELL NAME: **Ashton J33-18D**
Township 5 North, Range 66 West
Section 33: NE/4NW/4 (BHL)
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Dorety:

We recently sent you a new Well Proposal for the above referenced Ashton J33-18D on August 24, 2009 [certified article 7007 2560 0002 6543 1994]. It has come to our attention that there was a typographical error in paragraph (1) Wellbore Spacing Unit. The original letter showed the spacing unit as the W/2NE/4 and the E/4NW/4, whereby the latter it should have read the E/2NW/4.

We apologize any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused and hereby submit the corrected notice therein acknowledging Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") intends to propose, drill and operate the referenced well pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). Attached for your information is a plat representing this proposal.

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By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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1. Article Addressed to:

Merit Energy Company
 Attn: Laura Dorey
 13727 Noel Rd Ste 2000
 Dallas TX 75240

Ashton J 33-180-20 Day Revised
 Article Number
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PS Form 3811, February 2004

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 Jason Anderson Addressee
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