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Land Department

October 7, 2010

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Directional Drilling Waiver
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
STATE C24-99HZ
Township 4North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 24: NW/4NW/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Davis:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the STATE C24-99HZ well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 1,280 feet FNL, and 155 feet FWL 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 787 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).

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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Joe Johnson

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Davis', written over a horizontal line.

By: Mark Davis

Date: 10/20/2010