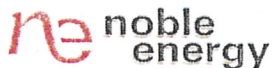


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March 8, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Article #: 70101870000272990492

Howard Manufacturing Company
9718 Brook Hill Court
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

Re: Advance Notice of Drilling Operations
WELL NAME: HOWARD USX A09-02D, 06D, 09D, 12D, 14D, 15D, 19, 23
Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: NW/4, SE/4
Weld County, Colorado


Dear Surface Owner:

Pursuant to Rule 305.e.(1).B of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"), Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") hereby gives notice to you that it intends to commence operations for the drilling of a well or wells for oil and/or gas on the referenced lands no sooner than April 8, 2011. As surface owner you have the responsibility for notifying any affected tenant of the proposed operations.

The attached plat illustrates the area, per COGCC rules, orders or policies, within which the well(s) may be located and the proposed location of the well(s) access road(s) and production facilities. The location of roads and facilities as depicted on the attached plat are only proposed locations. Prior to commencing these operations, we would like to consult with you concerning the proposed operation and to finalize the location of the well site(s), production facilities, pipelines and roads. The location will be staked before the consultation and I will contact you to discuss the proposed operations and to schedule an on-site consultation, if you request one. I may be reached at 970-785-8737. Enclosed is a postage prepaid postcard for your use in requesting a consultation. If you wish to appoint a tenant for the consultation, please indicate the name, address and telephone number in the space provided on the postcard. Please fill out the postcard and return it to Noble within ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

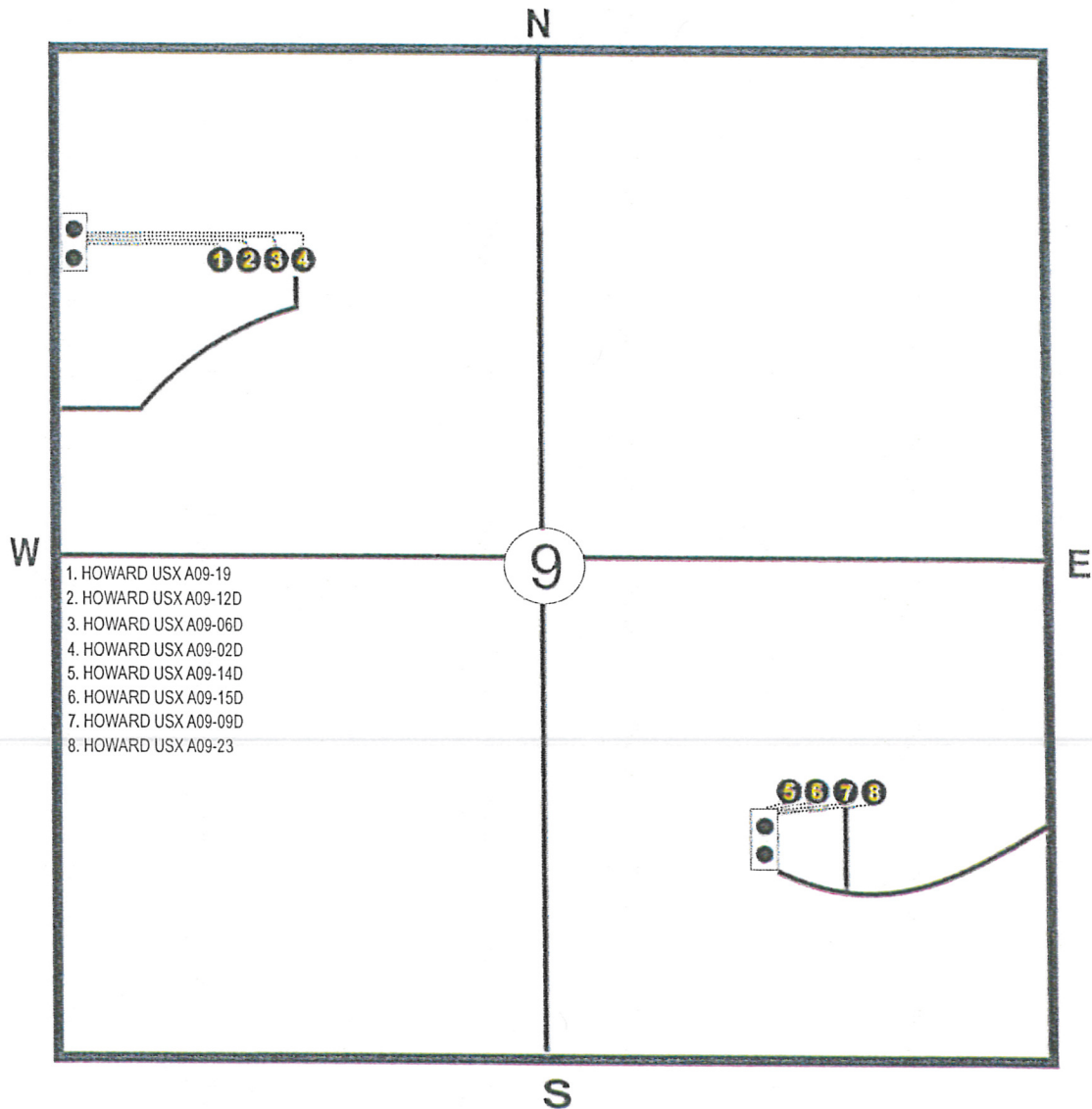
Also enclosed is a copy of the COGCC's brochure describing surface owner rights and responsibilities.

Regards,
NOBLE ENERGY, INC.


Mike Rodine
Land Negotiator

cc: David Bauer

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● PROPOSED WELL LOCATION

■ PROPOSED TANK FACILITY LOCATION

----- PROPOSED FLOWLINE

— PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD