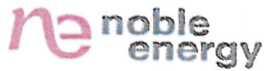


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Land Department

March 16, 2011

Waste Management of Colorado, Inc.
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RE: Surface Exception Location Consent
Directional Drilling Waiver
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
HIPPO D27-23D
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 27: NE/4SW/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Surface Owner:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the HIPPO D27-23D well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,000 feet FSL, and 2,440 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 915 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'B. DeRose' with a horizontal line extending to the right.
Brian DeRose

Waste Management of Colorado, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Pollock' with a horizontal line extending to the right.
Brad Pollock

Date: 4-25-2011