



EXHIBIT A

**SURFACE USE AGREEMENT**

EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION  
Williams Production RMT Company  
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February 5, 2008

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
Attn: DonJuan Brown  
11111 South Wilcrest Drive, Room 1052  
Houston, TX 77099

RE: Drilling Pad Name	Location of Pad
Chevron TR 11-1-698	NW¼NW¼ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 98 West, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Well Names	Location of Wells
Chevron TR 11-1-698	Located in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 98 West, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. to be drilled from the pad of the Chevron TR 11-1-698, described above.
Chevron TR 12-1-698	Located in the SW¼NW¼ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 98 West, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. to be directionally drilled from the pad of the Chevron TR 11-1-698, described above.
Chevron TR 412-1-698	Located in the SW¼NW¼ of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 98 West, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. to be directionally drilled from the pad of the Chevron TR 11-1-698, described above.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Please execute below to acknowledge the following:

- Chevron U.S.A. Inc. is the surface owner of the referenced well/drilling pad locations and hereinafter is referred to as the Surface Owner.
- Williams Production RMT Company and Surface Owner have reviewed and approved the referenced pad locations and related access roads for operations, and have entered into a separate Surface Damage Agreement for same.
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc. hereby waives the thirty (30) day notification requirement of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rule 305 for the wells referenced above

Yours truly,  
Williams Production RMT Company

Max Faith  
Landman II

Surface Owner  
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

By:   
Name: J.M. Woliver  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

Date: 2/6/08