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William G. and Marjorie L. Ruh
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Re: Request to the Director for 318.A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318.A.a. Window)

Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H Well
NENW Section 35, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6th P.M.
366' FNL and 1837' FWL
Weld County, Colorado

Crow Valley 7-62-26-2H Well
NENW Section 35, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6th P.M.
342' FNL and 1819' FWL
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. and Mrs. William Ruh:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H and 7-62-26-2H wells with surface hole locations in Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Marathon intends to test the Niobrara Formation.

Rule 318A.a. designates five "drilling windows" per quarter section of land in the Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) – 400'x400' boxes in the center of each quarter/quarter section. The surface hole locations ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal wells are outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. The wells will be located 342' and 366' from the North line of Section 35 instead of in the center of section 35.

The proposed location of these two wells requires consent to the exception signed by the surface owner. By signing this letter you hereby grant consent to Marathon for the requested exception to Rule 318A.a. Please return this signed document to me in the included self-addressed, postage paid envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tiffany Stebbins'.

Tiffany Stebbins

Surface Owner Signature

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William G. Ruh'.
Signature

12/13/2011
Date