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January 30, 2012

David Neslin, Director  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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Re: Request to the Director for 318.A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318.A.a. Window)

Crow Valley 7-62-28-4H Well  
NENW Sec. 28, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
312' FSL and 833' FEL  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-28-4H well to test the Niobrara Formation. The Crow Valley 7-62-28-4H well is located 312' FSL and 833' FEL Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 470' FNL 666' FEL Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

The surface hole location ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal well is outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. 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, and an 800'x800' box in the center of the quarter section.

The Surface Owner has granted consent to Marathon for the requested exception to Rule 318A.a. Marathon respectfully requests approval of the exception location. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C-K. Bibeau'.

Erin Bibeau

Attachment: Surface Owner's Consent

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January 27, 2012

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SESE Section 28, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Cass:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-28-4H well with surface hole location in Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 location ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal well is outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. The well will be located 312' from the South line of Section 28 instead of in the center of section 28.

The proposed location of this well 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,

Erin Bibeau

Surface Owner Signature

Jerry and/or Helen Cass  
37401 CR 79  
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Signature

1-30-2012  
Date