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Gonzalo Herrera  
33850 Sweetwater Canyon Rd.  
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Re: Request to the Director for 318.A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318.A.a. Window)

Crow Valley 7-62-23-2H Well  
NENW Section 23, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
320' FNL and 2036' FWL  
Weld County, Colorado

Crow Valley 7-62-14-2H Well  
NENW Section 23, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
290' FNL and 2036' FWL  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Gonzalo Herrera:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-23-2H and 7-62-14-2H wells with surface hole locations in Section 23, 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 locations ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal wells are outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. The wells will be located 320' and 290' from the North line of Section 23 instead of in the center of Section 23.

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, appearing to read 'C. K. Bibeau'.

Erin Bibeau

Surface Owner Signature

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Herrera'.

Signature

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Date