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Land Department

January 5, 2012

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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
THOMSEN USX X07-28D
Township 2 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 6: SW/4SW/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Surface Owner:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the THOMSEN USX X07-28D well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 871 feet FWL, and 1,071 feet FSL 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. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 448 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.

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James G. Stephenson

Date: 1-5-12