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State of Colorado

## Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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COGCC

## \*\*\* NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION \*\*\*

OGCC Operator Number: 100322  
 Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC  
 Address: 1825 BROADWAY, SUITE #2000  
 City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202  
 Company Representative: DAVID PADGETT

Well Name: WELLS RANCH - USX BB Well Number: 3-14 Facility Number: 202380  
 Location (Qtr, Sec, Twp, Rng, Meridian): SESW 3 5N 63W 6 County: WELD  
 API Number: 05 123 25320 00 Lease Number:

COGCC Representative: AHLSTRAND DENNIS Phone Number: 303 894-2100 X115

## THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED VIOLATION WAS FOUND BY THE COGCC REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SITE LISTED

Date of Alleged Violation: 9/17/2007 Approximate Time of Violation: 3:30PM  
 Description of Alleged Violation:  
 Well was spud without an approved APD. Well was spud 9/17/2007 but permit was approved 9/21/2007. Violation was self-reported on 9/21/2007.

Act, Order, Regulation, Permit Conditions Cited:  
 Rule 303

## Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Submit Form 5 and 5A as well as written documentation as to what happened, why it happened and what procedures have been put in place to prevent future occurrences.

Abatement or Corrective Action to be Completed by (date): 10/24/2007

\* Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

## TO BE COMPLETED BY OPERATOR—When alleged violation is corrected, sign this notice and return to above address:

Company Representative Name: KYLE BRUNER Title: REGULATORY SPECIALIST  
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 10-24-07  
 Company Comments:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

## \*\*\* THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION FOR EACH VIOLATION LISTED \*\*\*

## WARNING

Nonpayment and reporting shall trigger the Notices of Alleged Violation begin upon receipt of the notice 15 days after the date as to which, whichever is earlier. Each violation must be abated within the prescribed time upon receipt of this notice, reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at the address shown above, and payment not later than the next business day after the prescribed time for abatement. Nonpayment and corrective action shall be deemed to be a violation. The Director may make application to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation. Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

## PENALTY PROPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR PER RULE 523

The Director may propose a penalty or license in the table below, not to exceed a maximum of \$1,000.00 per day per violation. Each proposed penalty amount will be assessed to \$10,000.00 per violation if the violation does not comply to the table below, reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at the address shown above, and payment not later than the next business day after the prescribed time for abatement. Nonpayment and corrective action shall be deemed to be a violation. The Director may make application to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation. Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

BASE FINE \$250.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 210, 207, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Signature of COGCC Representative:

Date: 9/24/2007

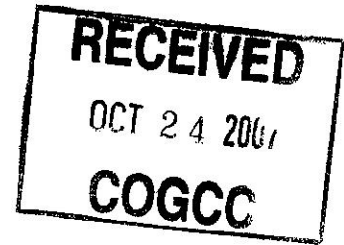
Time: 4:00PM

Resolution Approved by:

Date: 10-25-07

1625 Broadway  
Suite 2000  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Tel: 303.228.4000  
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October 23, 2008

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC")  
1120 Lincoln, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Attention Mr. Dennis Ahlstrand

RE: Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") #20119229  
Wells Ranch USX BB 3-14 API # 05 123 26320 00  
Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 3: SE/4SW/4  
Weld County Colorado

Dear Mr. Ahlstrand,

This correspondence is submitted by Noble Energy, Inc, Operator # 100322, ("Noble") to provide the written documentation requested by the COGCC in regards to the NOAV referenced above.

The COGCC records will indicate that Noble has obtained Applications for Permit to Drill ("APD's") and drilled in excess of sixty (60) wells on surface owned by Wells Ranch in the past six months. Let the record also show that the surface owner is Steve Wells and he actively participates with Noble in the construction of roads, platting of locations and related activities which are prerequisite to Noble's drilling, completion and reclamation operations. Wells Ranch encompasses over 32,000 acres and has very limited internal infrastructure for main roads and well access. The incident that caused the issuance of the NOAV was a result of human error. Noble's contractor failed to confirm that Patterson #188 drilling rig had been moved onto the Wells Ranch USX BB 3-14 location (which had a pending, but unapproved APD) when the rig was scheduled to drill the Wells Ranch USX BB 3-11 (which did have a valid APD). The subject wells are approximately 1,400 feet apart on very similar terrain and are accessed from a common main service road. Please also be advised that Mr. Wells has requested that he share the blame on this NOAV as he was at fault in building roads and platting locations in advance of approved APD's and without Noble's consent. He also contacted and pleaded with Noble that no one be terminated or reprimanded for this offense as he felt very responsible for the transgression.

In the future all Noble employees, contractors and surface owners involved with preparing locations for drilling and moving drilling rigs are not allowed to move onto a location unless and until a Noble employee, using advanced GPS technology, has first confirmed in the field that GPS coordinates registered at the staked location match the GPS coordinates associated with the APD. Had this procedure been in place on or before

September 17, 2007, Noble's employees and contractors would have known immediately they were at the wrong location.

Noble regrets the actions of its contractors and the surface owner in this matter. We are confident our "GPS first policy" will eliminate this type of mistake/error in the future.

Per your request, enclosed is Noble's COGCC form 5 for the subject well as well as the Density Neutron and Cement Bond Logs. Form 5A will be submitted once the Wells Ranch USX BB 3-14 has been completed

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information at (303) 228-4054 or e-mail @ "dpadgett@nobleenergyinc.com"

Regards,  
NOBLE ENERGY INC.



P. David Padgett, Manager of Lands

Enclosures

Cc: Dan Kelly, Julie Acevedo, David Hobbs  
Land Well File, Drilling file,