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Denise Billings Barton and Brian S. Barton  
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**Re: Surface Owner Consultation and Reclamation Plan**  
**Location: Richardson 10-13 (Location ID 329335)**  
Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 10: SW/4SW/4

Dear Surface Owner:

In response to a notice from the COGCC (Document Number 402453822), Noble Energy, Inc. (“Noble”) would like to formalize previous consultations regarding our final reclamation strategy to correct reclamation concerns regarding the Richardson 10-13 well. This letter supplements the previous letter between you and Noble dated October 15, 2020 and sets forth the agreement between you, as the surface owner, and Noble concerning final reclamation and revegetation at the Location (described above).

#### Recitals

The Richardson 10-13 well (API No. 05-123-17192) (the “Well”) was drilled in November 1993. Noble began to operate the Well on May 15, 2005.

Noble initially conducted workover rig operations for plug and abandonment of the Well in November 2019, but the plug and abandonment operations were unsuccessful. After downtime to account for the 2020 growing season, Noble successfully plugged and abandoned the Well on January 21, 2021.

The lands immediately surrounding the Well and Location (the “Lands”) are owned by Denise Billings Barton and Brian S. Barton (the “Bartons” or “Surface Owner”). The Bartons have been actively farming this land since their purchase of the property in 2004.

Noble consulted with the Barton’s on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2020, January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2021, and February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 concerning final reclamation on the Lands associated with the Well and Location.

During these consultations, the Bartons conveyed their desires to manage and conduct the revegetation of the areas reclaimed by Noble. Specifically, the Bartons requested that they perform the reseeding and manage the revegetation and weed control efforts throughout the Lands including the reclaimed areas consistent with their overall agricultural plans for the 2021 growing season.

## **Reclamation Plan**

Notwithstanding prior reclamation activities performed at the Location and consistent with the desires of the Surface Owner on its lands, Surface Owner and Noble have developed this Reclamation Plan wherein Noble will access the Location and perform the following activities to complete final reclamation. This Reclamation Plan supersedes all previous plans and stands alone as the reclamation plan that will be implemented by Noble as agreed to by each Party.

### **Topsoil Stripping**

Noble will remove topsoil from the area that was disturbed for production activities. This includes the area immediately surrounding the Well.

### **Soil Import, Contouring, Decompaction, and Regrading**

Noble will import and spread clean fill material to replace the removed topsoil in its original relative position. Noble will contour and regrade the disturbed area to promote drainage and establish a proper seedbed. Should subsidence occur prior to the approval of final reclamation, Noble will import additional topsoil and regrade the affected area as close to its original contour as practicable. Noble may deep rip and cross rip any disturbed area in accordance with COGCC reclamation rules.

### **Seeding**

The Lands consist of cropland managed and farmed by the Surface Owner. It is the Surface Owner's desire to reestablish crop in the reclaimed areas. Surface Owner intends to re-seed the reclaimed areas with a grass / hay seed mix which is consistent with Surface Owner's 2021 agricultural plans. Surface Owner will also provide adequate irrigation to the Lands and reclaimed areas.

### **Maintenance and Weed Management**

Surface Owner will conduct weed management throughout the Lands, including the reclaimed area consistent with Surface Owner's 2021 agricultural plans and organic farming practices. Surface Owner intends to manage all undesirable plant species by mowing or hand clearing the reclaimed area during the growing season. Noble may continue to monitor the reclaimed area as necessary and practicable to proactively prevent invasion of undesirable species and noxious weeds as well as to control erosion.

### **Timing**

Noble agrees to complete the Noble obligations listed in the Reclamation Plan by no later than March 15th so the disturbed area can establish a growing crop this 2021 growing season. Noble will continue to monitor and collaborate with the Surface Owner regarding the final reclamation of the Location.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-621-5196 or ryan.antonio@nblenergy.com.

Respectfully,



Ryan D. Antonio  
Land Manager  
*on behalf of*  
Noble Energy Inc.

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**Agreed to and accepted this** 02/09/2021.

Denise L. Billings-Barton  
Signature

Denise L Billings-Barton  
Name