



July 28, 2009

JT Romatzke
Area Wildlife Manager
Division of Wildlife
NW Region Service Center
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Re: Noble Energy Inc. – 18-43A (17LPad)

Dear Mr. Romatzke:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, 2009 proposing certain conditions of approval with respect to the 17LPad located in the NW/4SW/4 of Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, Garfield County. You suggested conditions include a complete moratorium from any oil and gas activities for the months of December, January, February, March and the first half of April of each year. You have also requested that Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") restrict well site visitations between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and to reduce well site visitations between December 1st and April 15th, as well as other conditions of approval.

Noble rejects these suggested conditions for a number of reasons, including the following:

1. As our permits were filed and posted greater than 40 days ago, the suggested conditions from this "consultation" are untimely and do not comply with the terms of the COGCC Rules.
2. The lands involved are private fee surface and while a portion of the underlying minerals are federal, the surface owners, the Savage Family, are unlikely to agree with these moratorium restrictions on conducting our operations on their lands.
3. No specific scientific evidence was presented which would justify the 4-1/2 month moratorium on conducting of our operations.

Therefore, this letter will notify you that Noble does not accept these recommendations and should they be incorporated into our permits we will request a hearing before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kate Shirley'.

Kate Shirley

cc: Dennis Ahlstrand
Thom Kerr
David Neslin
Jeff Crawford