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Land Department

August 17, 2009

Guttersen Ranches, LLC  
P.O. Box 528  
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**  
**Directional Drilling Waiver**  
**Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent**  
GUTTERSEN D15-21  
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 15: NW/4SE/4  
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Guttersen:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the GUTTERSEN D15-21 well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,550 feet FSL, and 2,555 feet FEL 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 and waive the directional drilling requirement under Rule 318A.e. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 758 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).

Noble hereby agrees that it will not drill the Well until you, as the Surface Owner, and Noble have entered into a Surface Use Agreement and the consideration therefore has been paid by Noble.

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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Erik Van Decar

Guttersen Ranches, LLC

A blue ink signature of Art Guttersen, appearing as a cursive 'A' followed by 'Guttersen'.

By: Art Guttersen

Date: 17 Aug 09