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Mr. David Neslin, Director  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Joint Notice of Measures Taken to Mitigate Natural Gas Detected in Water Well (Permit No. 160720) at 20991 County Road 20, Fort Lupton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") and Jesse and Ameer Ellsworth (the "Ellsworths") are pleased to submit this Joint Notice of measures they have recently agreed upon to address the presence of dissolved biogenic and/or thermogenic natural gas ("Gas") in the Ellsworths' water well ("Water Well"). Even though the source of the gas in the Ellsworth's well has not been determined and Noble has performed all tests requested by the COGCC, all with negative results, Noble is prepared to move forward with actions to assist the Ellsworths in resolving their problems. As you know, the Water Well is the subject of COGCC's Complete Report No. 200196553, and was disconnected by Noble with the permission of the Ellsworths on March 21, 2009, when Noble began providing the Ellsworths with temporary substitute water for domestic use at their home.

Noble and the Ellsworths have agreed to Noble's installation of a filtration system to essentially remove the Gas that has been previously detected in the Water Well and make it safe for use by the Ellsworths. The parties have further agreed to cooperate and work diligently to resolve any remaining issues associated with prior detections of Gas in the Water Well, including cooperation with COGCC staff in their remaining investigative work to determine the source of Gas in the Water Well.

Please also note that beyond this notice of installation of a filtration system to mitigate the presence of Gas in the Water Well and make it safe for use by the Ellsworths, the parties will continue to cooperate to resolve their differences according to mutual agreeable terms that are and will remain strictly confidential. Please contact Mr. Daniel Kelly, Vice President Wattenberg Operations, Noble Energy, Inc., or Jesse and Ameer Ellsworth if you have further questions regarding the planned installation of a filtration system to mitigate the presence of Gas in the Water Well.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Jesse Ellsworth in black ink.

Jesse Ellsworth

Handwritten signature of Ameer Ellsworth in black ink.

Ameer Ellsworth

Handwritten signature of Daniel Kelly in black ink.

Daniel Kelly, Vice President

Wattenberg Operations,

Noble Energy, Inc.

CC: Dave Long, Weld County Commissioner  
Doug Rademacher, Weld County Commissioner  
Sean Conway, Weld County Commissioner  
Barbara Kirkmeyer, Weld County Commissioner  
William Garcia, Weld County Commissioner

**A**MEE ELLSWORTH and her husband Jesse scrimped and saved to buy their dream home on five acres in Colorado. But the dream turned into a nightmare when the couple discovered GAS coming out of their water faucets!

When the couple held a match to their faucet, 3-foot flames shot out!

"It's a miracle our house hasn't blown up," Amee told *The ENQUIRER* in an exclusive interview. "We're terrified."

The couple's property is surrounded by eight natural gas wells within half a mile, one just 500 feet away. Their home's water well has become contaminated with gas leaking from one of the gas wells.

Amee, 43, says she's been battling two gas companies who have tried to ignore her complaints and deny responsibility.

"They claim it's up to us to prove they caused it. They're trying to say gas gets into water wells naturally, but we just don't believe that," she says.

**DESPITE THEIR DENIALS, THE** gas firms have paid to disconnect the electricity supply to the couple's well to lower the risk of an explosion. And they have installed a temporary water tank which is filled by truck once a week.

"It's an improvement - but it's not a permanent solution," says Amee. "They need to find the leak and fix it - or run municipal water to our house."

The couple knew something was wrong with the water when they moved in last September. Amee feared the coughs and splutters when they opened faucets were so bad they'd wreck her new washing machine and dishwasher - or bust the pipes and cause a flood. "We thought the toilet tank was going to explode," says Amee.

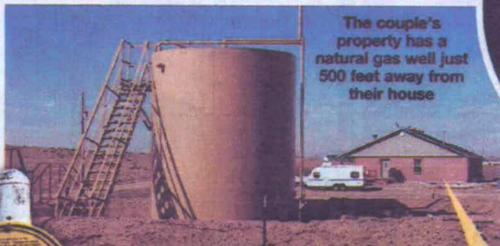
"Then the water started to taste swampy - it turned out to be bacteria feeding off the gas."

"I started to drink bottled water because of the bad taste, but I'd already started with health problems. I've

The gas in Amee and Jesse's home measured at explosive levels

# FIREWATER

Couple's dream home becomes a nightmare when **3-FOOT FLAMES** shoot out of faucets



The couple's property has a natural gas well just 500 feet away from their house



Amee and Jesse have begged the gas companies for help

her story hit the local newspaper. Although Amee's situation has improved, efforts to find the leak have not been successful - and now Amee fears for her neighbors.



got bacteria in my bloodstream, and I get terrible migraines."

Amee and her husband had a company test their water - and the presence of gas was confirmed. In fact, two places in the house measured at explosive levels.

"I called the two gas companies in tears, begging them for help. I was so worried about our safety. They both refused to help," says Amee.

"It was the same with the state oil and gas commission. We were reaching out to people who were supposed to be looking after our safety, but they ignored us."

Amee says it took six fear-filled months for the gas companies to take her seriously - AFTER

children," she says. "I'm convinced the whole water aquifer is contaminated. "We're all at risk."

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