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October 23, 2009

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Ashton J33-20D**  
Codell/Niobrara New Drill  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 33: NW/4NW/4: 1187' FNL & 1278' FWL (Surface Location)  
Section 33: NW/4SW/4: 2515' FSL & 1320' ~~FWL~~ (Bottom Hole Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("NEI") is planning to drill the captioned boundary well in accordance with the provisions of COGCC Rule 318A.e.

NEI's proposed wellbore spacing unit consists of the S/2NW/4 & N/2SW/4, T5N, R66W, creating a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit. NEI is not the only owner within the proposed wellbore spacing unit and as such provided notice to the remaining owner(s) within said proposed spacing unit as required under COGCC Rule 318A.e(6). Copies of the required notice letter(s) is/are attached. The required twenty (20) day notice period has elapsed absent the receipt by NEI of an objection to said proposal by the owner(s) within the proposed spacing unit for this well.

Also, enclosed are copies of the following documents to assist you in your review and approval of NEI's proposed APD for the captioned well:

- Plat illustrating the proposed wellbore spacing unit and number of Codell/Niobrara wells located within the existing 160-acre governmental quarter section (SW/4) to be less than eight (8) in accordance with COGCC Rule 318A.f.
- Plat illustrating proposed wellbore spacing unit on existing location plat.

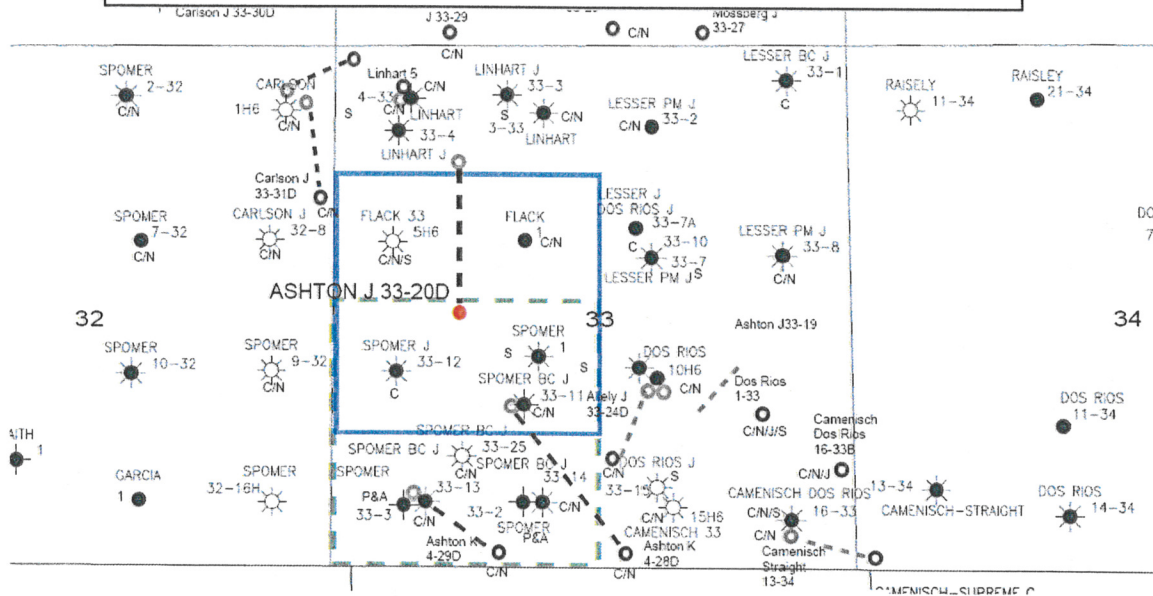
Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. NEI respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mari Clark'.

Mari Clark  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.

# Ashton J33-20D NWSW Section 33, T5N, R66W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM



## LEGEND



Proposed 160 acre Spacing Unit



Bottom Hole Located NWSW, Sec. 33, T5N-R66W

The governmental  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section has less than 8 bottom hole wells producing from the Codell, Niobrara, & J-Sand Formations.

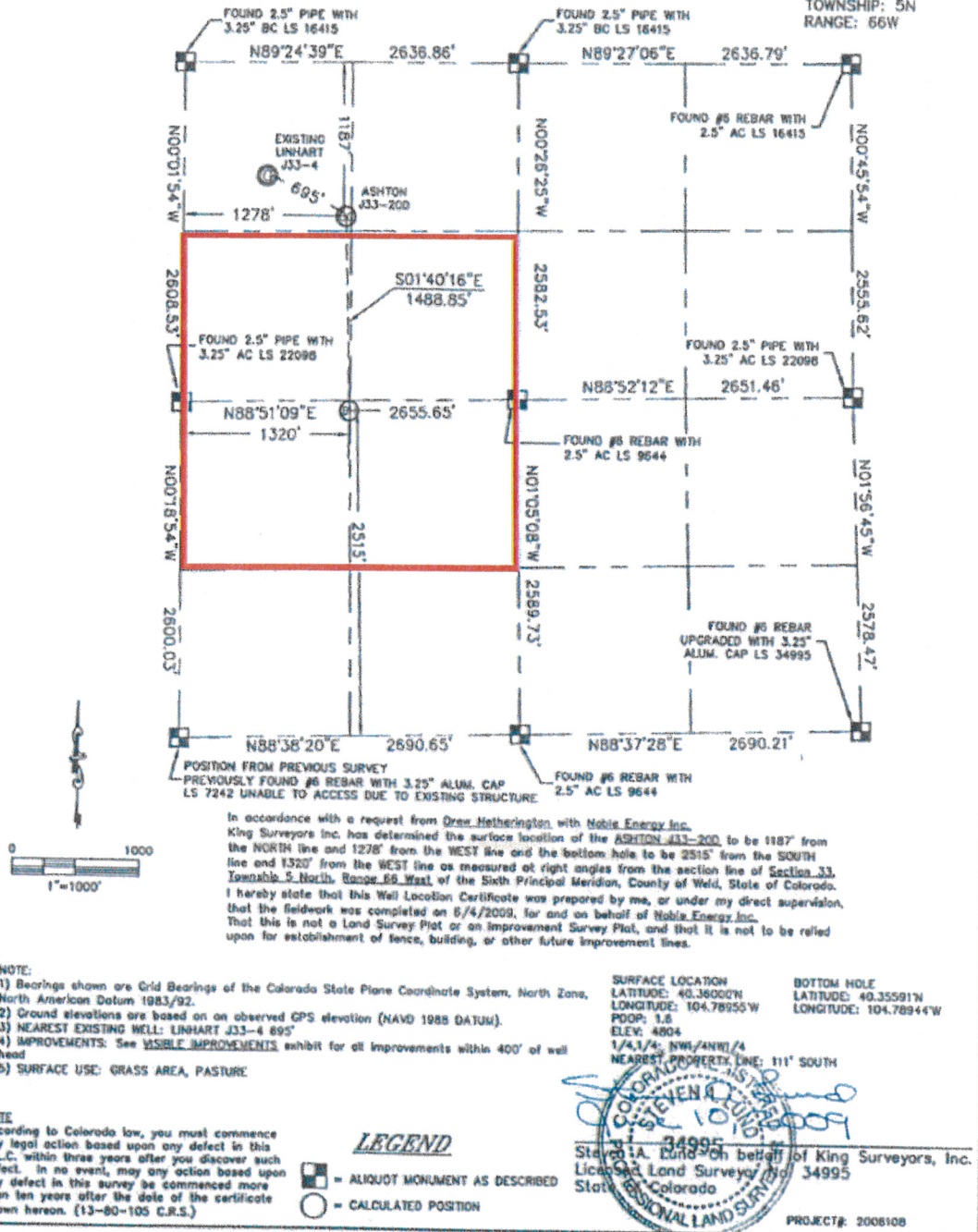
# Proposed 318 Ae Spacing Unit

KING SURVEYORS, INC. 650 GARDEN DR. WINDSOR, CO 80550

## WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY

SECTION: 33  
TOWNSHIP: 5N  
RANGE: 66W



August 24, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 2014**

Johnie M. Ouzts  
88 River Park Lane  
Carbondale, CO 81623

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal  
Codell/Niobrara: New Well  
WELL NAME: **Ashton J33-20D**  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West  
Section 33: NW/4SW/4 (BHL)  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ouzts:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") intends to propose, drill and operate the referenced well pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). Attached for your information is a plat representing this proposal.

Additional information for this well:

(1) **Wellbore Spacing Unit**

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(2) **Target Formations**

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(4) **Anticipated Spud Date**

1st Quarter, 2010

(5) **Request for Title Information**

In order to facilitate the rendering of a full title opinion, please provide copies of any title opinions, updates and JIB/Rev deck materials for the referenced spacing unit in your possession to Noble.

Pursuant to the aforementioned rule, you have twenty (20) days from your receipt of this notice to object to this proposal. In the event you do not respond to this notice or enter an objection within the established time period, the proposed 160 acre spacing unit set forth herein shall be established. **However, should you have no objection to this proposal, please so indicate by signing in the space provided below and returning to Noble as soon as possible.** Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated so that Noble may timely continue the permitting process for this well.

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Thank you for your timely consideration and response to this proposal. Please feel free to contact me @ (303) 228-4233 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**



Angela Mallon  
Land Negotiator

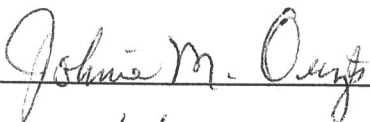
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Enclosures

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By: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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August 24, 2009

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**ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 2021**

Gertrude Weber  
c/o Malvern Farm  
249 Malvern Farm Drive  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal  
Codell/Niobrara: New Well  
**WELL NAME: Ashton J33-20D**  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West  
Section 33: NW/4SW/4 (BHL)  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Weber:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") intends to propose, drill and operate the referenced well pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). Attached for your information is a plat representing this proposal.

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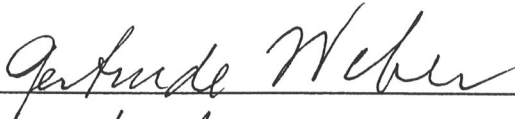
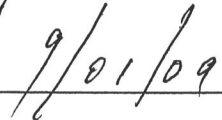
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



August 24, 2009

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**ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 2007**

Larry D. Krause  
3009 Marguerite Blvd.  
Billings, MT 59102

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal  
Codell/Niobrara: New Well  
WELL NAME: **Ashton J33-20D**  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West  
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Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Krause:

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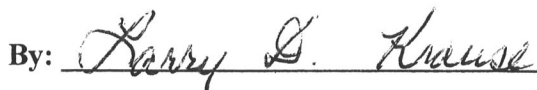
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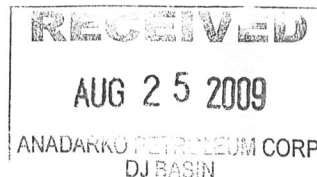
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By: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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August 24, 2009

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**ARTICLE # 7007 2560 0002 6543 2038**

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP  
Attn: Matt Miller  
1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1800  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal  
Codell/Niobrara: New Well  
**WELL NAME: Ashton J33-20D**  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West  
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Weld County, Colorado

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By: Chad McAllaster

Chad McAllaster, Subsurface Manager

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/22/09