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November 17, 2009

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

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**  
**Request to the Director for 318A.c Twinning Location Exception**  
**Guttersen State CC20-20**  
Codell/Niobrara New Drill  
Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 20: NE/4SW/4: 2550' FSL & 1450' FWL (Surface Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Codell/Niobrara formations.

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner.

Under the Revised Rule 318A.c any new twinning well is to be located within 50' of an existing well. The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked approximately 833' from the nearest oil and gas well. Noble has obtained permission, contained in a waiver, from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waivers and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kate Miller'.

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Land Department

July 29, 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 STATE CC20-20  
Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 20: NE/4SW/4  
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Guttersen:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the GUTTERSEN STATE CC20-20 well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 2,550 feet FSL, and 1,450 feet FWL 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 833 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.

A blue ink signature of Erik T. Van Decar.

Erik T. Van Decar

Guttersen Ranches, LLC

A blue ink signature of Mike Guttersen.

By: Mike Guttersen

Date: 7/29/09