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Land Department

December 7, 2009

Dillard Family, LLC  
P.O. Box 333  
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**  
**Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent**  
DILLARD USX AB09-99HZ  
Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 9: NW/4NW/4  
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Dillard:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the DILLARD USX AB09-99HZ well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 190 feet FNL, and 660 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. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 5,817 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).

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, consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'V'.

Erik T. Van Decar

Dillard Family, LLC

A blue ink signature of Herschel Dillard, written in a cursive script.

By: Herschel Dillard

Date: 12-11-2009