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Land Department

January 27, 2009

Joan L. Savage  
 5953 County Road 320  
 Rifle, Colorado 81650

Re: **Notice of Intent to Conduct Surface Operations**  
**17M Pad**  
Township 7 South – Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
 Section 17: SW/4SW/4  
 Garfield County, Colorado

Jones 17-24 C  
 Rulison Federal 17-14C  
 Rulison Federal 19-41A  
 Rulison Federal 19-41C  
 Rulison Federal 20-11B  
 Rulison Federal 20-21A  
 Rulison Federal 20-21C  
 Double B Ranch 18-44B  
 Double B Ranch 18-44D

Jones 17-24D  
 Rulison Federal 17-14D  
 Rulison Federal 19-41B  
 Rulison Federal 20-11A  
 Rulison Federal 20-11C  
 Rulison Federal 20-21B ✓  
 Double B Ranch 18-44A  
 Double B Ranch 18-44C

Dear Joan Savage,

Pursuant to Rule 305.b.(1) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”), Noble Energy, Inc. desires to commence drilling operations for a well or wells for oil and /or gas on the referenced lands no sooner than February 27, 2009 we are requesting (17) wells to be directionally drilled from the Pad (known as the 17M Pad) which is located in the SW/4SW/4 in Section 17, T7S – R94W.

At this time, and prior to commencing further operations, we would like to consult with you concerning the proposed operation and the final location of the well site(s), production facility, pipelines and roads. As surface owner you have the responsibility for notifying any affected tenant of the proposed operations.

Enclosed is a self addressed prepaid postcard for your use in requesting a consultation. If you wish to appoint a tenant for the consultation, please indicate the name, address and telephone number in the space provided on the postcard. Please fill out the postcard and return it to us within (10) days from the date of this letter.

The attached well pad layout and topographic map illustrate the area, per COGCC rules, orders or policies, within which the wells(s) will be situated and the proposed location(s) of the well(s). also enclosed is a copy of the COGCC's brochure describing surface owner rights and responsibilities and a copy of the COGCC's Policy for Onsite Inspections.

Thank you for your cooperation with our exploration efforts. Please feel free to contact Pat Horning at 303-228-4087 with any questions or comment.

Sincerely,  
NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

*Pat Horning*

Pat Horning  
Land Technician

cc: Linda Pavelka  
Regulatory Analyst

I waive the 30 day notice referenced above and approve of the operations commencing upon Noble's receipt of the drilling permit.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Joan L. Savage