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Land Department

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Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Directional Drilling Waiver
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
UPRC H17-99HZ
Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: SW/4SW/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Davis:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the UPRC H17-99HZ well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 1,200 feet FSL, and 155 feet FWL which is outside the drilling window prescribed in Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 318A.a.(1).

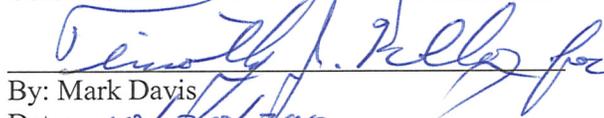
By signing this letter you hereby grant your consent to Noble to locate the Well outside of a GWA window as defined in COGCC Rule 318A.a and waive the directional drilling requirement under Rule 318A.e. Additionally, the Well is being proposed at a surface location approximately 80 feet from an existing 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.


Joe Johnson

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners


By: Mark Davis
Date: 10/29/2010