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Colorado State Land Board
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Re: Request to the Director for 318A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318A.a. Window)
Request to the Director for 318A.c Twinning location Exception

French Lake 4-63-36-1B
SWSW Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.
470' FSL 985' FWL
Weld County, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the French Lake 4-63-36-1B well which is located 470' FSL 985' FWL Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 460' FNL 460' FEL Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. Marathon intends to test the Niobrara Formation.

The surface hole location ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal well is outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. Rule 318A.a. designates five "drilling windows" per quarter section of land in the Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) – 400'x400' boxes in the center of each quarter/quarter section, and an 800'x800' box in the center of the quarter section.

According to Rule 318A(c), any new twinning well to be located within 50' of an existing well requires consent to the exception signed by the surface owner. The surface locations of Marathon's proposed wells (French Lake 4-63-36-1A & French Lake 4-63-36-1B) have been staked approximately 1633' from each other. It is Marathon's intention to only drill one of these wells.

By signing this letter you hereby grant consent to Marathon for the requested exceptions to Rules 318A.a. and 318A.c. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Anna Walls
Regulatory Compliance Representative
Marathon Oil Company

Surface Owner Signature

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