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Land Department

March 10, 2011

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners  
c/o Mark Davis  
1127 Sherman, Suite 300  
Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**  
DEGENHART USX AE17-63HN  
Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 16: SW/4SW/4  
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Davis:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the DEGENHART USX AE17-63HN well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 1,240 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.

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.

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Erik T. Van Decar

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A blue ink signature of Timothy Kelly, written in a cursive style.  
By: Timothy Kelly For Mark Davis

Date: 3/25/2011