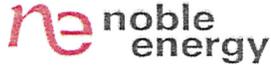


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May 10, 2011

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
ATTN: Mark Davis
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RE: **Surface Exception Location Consent**
Well Set-Back (Twinning) Exception Consent
ABBEY STATE V16-77HN
Township 2 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: SE/4SW/4
Weld County, CO

Dear Mr. Davis:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the ABBEY STATE V16-77HN well (the "Well") at the referenced location which is more specifically described as 252 feet FSL, and 1,965 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 327 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 handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nate McCorkell".

Nate McCorkell

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Kelly".
By: Timothy Kelly for Mark Davis
Date: 5/20/2011