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December 13, 2011

David Neslin, Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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Re: Request to the Director for 318.A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318.A.a. Window)

Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H Well
NENW Sec. 35, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6th P.M.
366' FNL and 1837' FWL
Weld County, Colorado

Crow Valley 7-62-26-2H Well
NENW Sec. 35, Township 7N, Range 62W, 6th P.M.
342' FNL and 1819' FWL
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H and 7-62-26-2H wells to test the Niobrara Formation. The Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H well is located 366' FNL 1837' FWL Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 470' FSL 1989' FWL Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. The Crow Valley 7-62-26-2H well is located 342' FNL 1819' FWL Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 470' FNL 1988' FWL Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

The surface hole locations ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal wells are 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.

The Surface Owner has granted consent to Marathon for the requested exception to Rule 318A.a. Marathon respectfully requests approval of the exception location. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tiffany Stebbins'.

Tiffany Stebbins

Attachment: Surface Owner's Consent

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December 9, 2011

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. William Ruh:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the Crow Valley 7-62-35-2H and 7-62-26-2H wells with surface hole locations in Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Marathon intends to test the Niobrara Formation.

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. The surface hole locations ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal wells are outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. The wells will be located 342' and 366' from the North line of Section 35 instead of in the center of section 35.

The proposed location of these two wells requires consent to the exception signed by the surface owner. By signing this letter you hereby grant consent to Marathon for the requested exception to Rule 318A.a. Please return this signed document to me in the included self-addressed, postage paid envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tiffany Stebbins".

Tiffany Stebbins

Surface Owner Signature

William G. and/or Marjorie L. Ruh
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William G. Ruh".
Signature

12/13/2011
Date