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February 29, 2012

David Neslin, Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request to the Director for 318.A.a. Surface Hole Mineral Exception (Outside 318.A.a. Window)

French Lake 3-63-14-3H Well
SWSE Section 14, Township 3N, Range 63W, 6th P.M.
455' FSL and 2162' FEL
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the French Lake 3-63-14-3H well to test the Niobrara Formation. The French Lake 3-63-14-3H well is located 455' FSL and 2162' FEL Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 470' FNL 1988' FEL Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

The surface hole locations ("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.

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, appearing to read 'C-K B', followed by a horizontal line.

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Attachment: Surface Owner's Consent

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February 24, 2012

Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
Attn: Timothy Kelly
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Mr. Timothy Kelly:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the French Lake 3-63-14-3H well with surface hole location in Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 63 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 location ("SHL") of Marathon's proposed horizontal well is outside of the 318A.a. drilling window. The well will be located 455' from the South line of Section 14 instead of in the center of section 14.

The proposed location of this well 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, appearing to read 'E. K. Bibeau'.

Erin Bibeau

Surface Owner Signature

Timothy Kelly
Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
1127 Sherman St., Suite 300
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. Kelly'.
Signature

2/29/2012
Date