



October 9, 2012

Department of Natural Resources  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Operator Request Letter to Rule 318A.m.  
DECHANT 36N-E1HZ  
Township 3N North, Range 65 West  
Section 36: NW/4NE/4  
Weld County, Colorado

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP (KMG) is making application for a drilling permit for the above captioned well. As currently planned, the wellbore(s) of the following well(s) will lie within 150 feet of the horizontal lateral of the captioned well:

1. 05-123-19337	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP	HSR-DECHANT STATE 2-36
2. 05-123-29714	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP	DECHANT 24-36
3. 05-123-29713	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP	DECHANT 7-36
4. 05-123-29712	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP	DECHANT 15-36
5. 05-123-31920	Noble Energy, Inc.	1-7 DECHANT – USX X

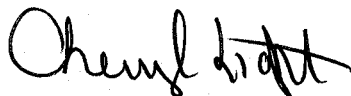
Prior to drilling operations, Operator will perform an anti-collision review of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision review may include MWD or gyro surveys and surface locations of the offset wells with included error of uncertainty per survey instrument, and compared against the proposed wellpath with its respective error of uncertainty. If current surveys do not exist for the offset wells, Operator may have gyro surveys conducted to verify bottomhole location. The proposed well will only be drilled if the anti-collision review results indicate that the risk of collision is sufficiently low as defined by the anti-collision plan, with separation factors greater than 1.5, or if the risk of collision has been mitigated through other means including shutting in wells, plugging wells, increased drilling fluid in the event of lost returns or as is appropriate for the specific situation. In the event of an increased risk of collision, that risk will be mitigated to prevent harm to people, the environment or property. For the proposed well, upon conclusion of drilling operations, an as-constructed directional survey will be submitted to COGCC with the Form 5.

Rule 318A.m of the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission's Rules and Regulations does not allow horizontal wells to be drilled within 150' of other wells unless this requirement is waived by the Operator of the encroached upon well(s). Signed written waiver(s) of the encroached upon non-operated well(s) are attached to this letter.

KMG respectfully requests the Director to accept this Operator Request Letter to allow the above referenced well(s) to be drilled within 150' of the well(s) listed above.

Very truly yours,

**Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Light", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cheryl Light  
Senior Regulatory Analyst



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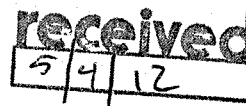
May 2, 2012

Via Certified Mail

Noble Energy, Inc.  
1625 Broadway, Suite 2200  
Denver, CO 80202

Attn: Libby Ecord

Re: DECHANT 36N-E1HZ  
Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 36: NWNE  
Weld County, Colorado



Dear Libby:

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP is applying for a permit to drill the captioned horizontal well. Pursuant to Rule 318A.m, the COGCC requires that operators proposing horizontal wells obtain waivers from operators of wells within 150 feet of the proposed horizontal wellbore.

As currently planned, the wellbores of the following well(s) which are operated by Noble Energy, Inc. lie within 150 feet of the horizontal lateral of the captioned wells:

1. 1-7 DECHANT-USX X

If Noble Energy, Inc. is in agreement to waive Rule 318A.m., please sign in the space provided below and return one original copy to the undersigned.

**KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP**  
A wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Sincerely,

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Jason Rayburn  
Landman

JR/CS

Enclosure: Survey plat

Dechant 36N-E1HZ

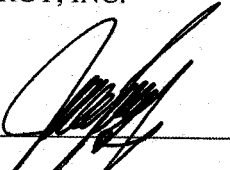
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As operator of the above referenced well(s) lying within 150 feet of the wellbore of the above captioned well, Noble Energy, Inc. hereby waives the one hundred and fifty foot (150') minimum intrawell distance as specified in COGCC Rule 318A.m.

Accepted and agreed to this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2012.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

By:   
**Joseph H. Lorenzo**  
Title: Attorney-In-Fact

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