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January 5, 2010

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Boulter G 05-20**  
Codell/Niobrara: New Drill  
Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 5: NW/4SW/4: 2499' FSL & 1299' FWL (Surface Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("NEI") is planning to drill the captioned boundary well in accordance with the provisions of COGCC Rule 318A(e).

NEI's proposed wellbore spacing unit consists of S/2NW/4 and the N/2SW/4 of Section 5, in T4N, R65W, 6<sup>th</sup> creating a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit. NEI is not the only owner within the proposed wellbore spacing unit and as such provided notice to the remaining owner(s) within said proposed spacing unit as required under COGCC Rule 318A(e)(6). Copies of the required notice letter(s) is/are attached. The required twenty (20) day notice period has elapsed absent the receipt by NEI of an objection to said proposal by the owner(s) within the proposed spacing unit for this well.

Also, enclosed are copies of the following documents to assist you in your review and approval of NEI's proposed APD for the captioned well:

- Plat illustrating the proposed wellbore spacing unit and number of Codell/Niobrara wells located within the existing 160-acre governmental quarter sections SW/4 to be less than eight (8) in accordance with COGCC Rule 318A.f.
- Plat illustrating proposed wellbore spacing unit on existing location plat

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. NEI respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kate Shirley'.

Kate Shirley  
Regulatory Specialist  
Noble Energy Inc.



December 3, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

ARTICLE # 7008 1830 0003 4248 2602

Merit Energy Company  
Attn: Ms. Laura Dorety  
13727 Noel Road, Suite 500  
Dallas, TX 75240

RE: Notice of 318A.e. Well Proposal  
Codell/Niobrara: New Well  
WELL NAME: **Boulter G05-20**  
Township 4 North, Range 65 West  
Section 5: NW/4SW/4 (BHL)  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Dorety:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") intends to propose, drill and operate the referenced well pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"). Attached for your information is a plat representing this proposal.

Additional information for this well:

(1) **Wellbore Spacing Unit**

The wellbore spacing unit will be comprised of the S/2NW/4 and the N/2SW/4 of Section 5, in T4N, R65W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., as depicted on the enclosed plat. The working interests attributable to the Codell/Niobrara formations in the contributing 40 acre quarter-quarter sections will be utilized to determine the interests of the parties in the proposed 160 acre spacing unit for this well. It appears that you own a working interest in the proposed wellbore spacing unit for this well.

(2) **Target Formations**

This well will be drilled to a total depth to sufficiently test the Codell/Niobrara formations.

(3) **Surface and Bottomhole Locations**

SHL: 2499' FSL, 1300' FWL, Section 5, T4N, R65W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
BHL: 2499' FSL, 1300' FWL, Section 5, T4N, R65W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

(4) **Anticipated Spud Date**

2nd Quarter, 2010

(5) **Request for Title Information**

In order to facilitate the rendering of a full title opinion, please provide copies of any title opinions, updates and JIB/Rev deck materials for the referenced spacing unit in your possession to Noble.

Pursuant to the aforementioned rule, you have twenty (20) days from your receipt of this notice to object to this proposal. In the event you do not respond to this notice or enter an objection within the established time period, the proposed 160 acre spacing unit set forth herein shall be established. **However, should you have no objection to this proposal, please so indicate by signing in the space provided below and returning to Noble as soon as possible.** Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated so that Noble may timely continue the permitting process for this well.

A formal well proposal, including Noble's proposed AFE and JOA will be forthcoming under separate cover.

Thank you for your timely consideration and response to this proposal. Please call me at 303-228-4367 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**



Robert J. Bram  
 Senior Land Negotiator

RJB:mw

Enclosures

**MERIT ENERGY COMPANY:**

Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Rule 318A.e., Order 1R-100 of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the undersigned has received notice from Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble") of its intention to [redacted] Weld County, Colorado [redacted] requirement as provided by [redacted]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Merit Energy Company  
 Attn: Laura Dorety  
 13727 Noel Road, Suite 500  
 Dallas, TX 75240

2. Article Number

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

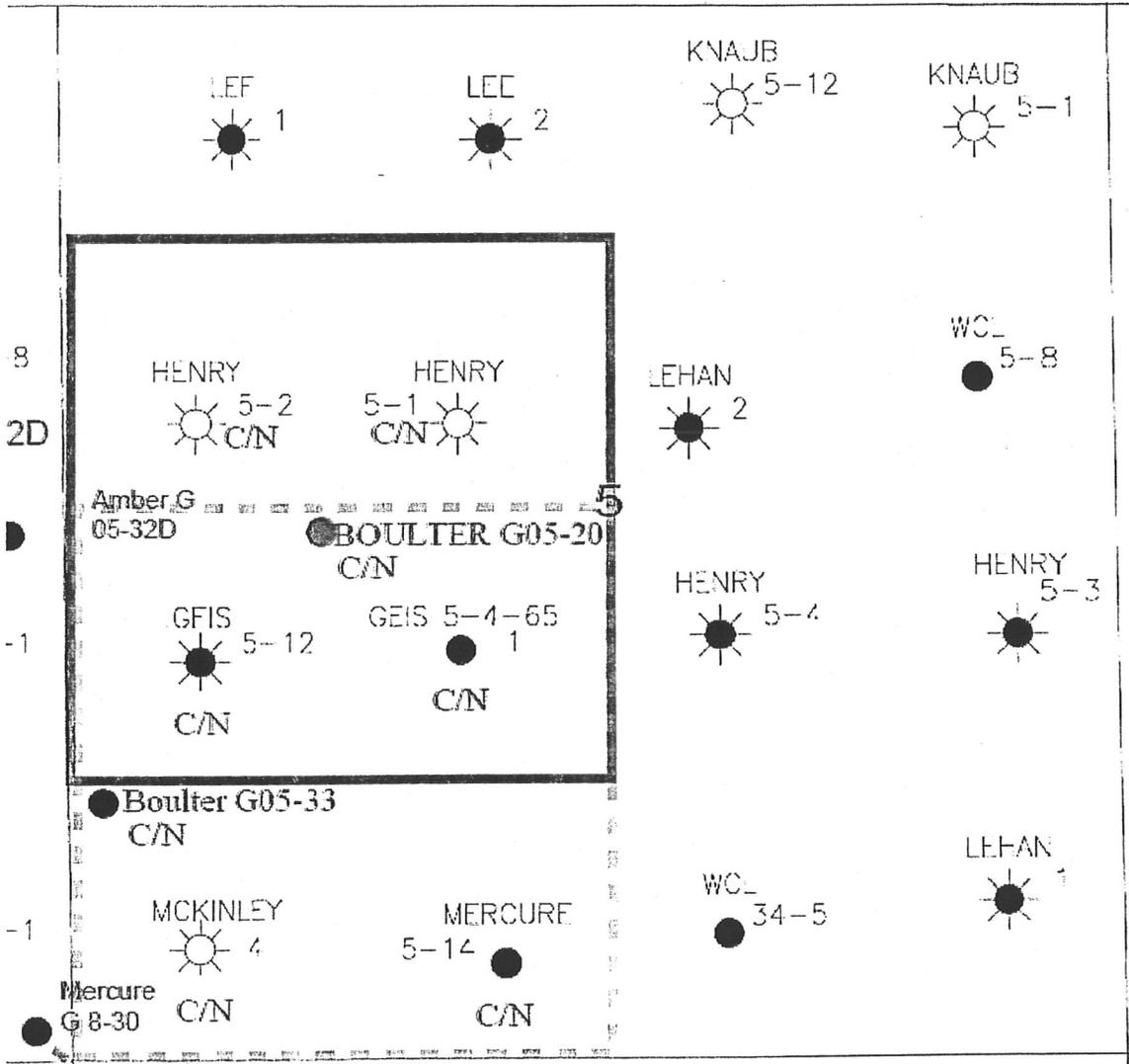
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B. Received by (Printed Name) H. DAVIS	C. Date of Delivery 12/17/09
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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3. Service Type
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail   | <input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.                         |

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes

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**BOULTER G05-20**  
NWSW, Section 5, T4N, R65W



**LEGEND**



Proposed 160 acre Spacing Unit



Bottom Hole Located NWSW, Section 5, T4N, R65W

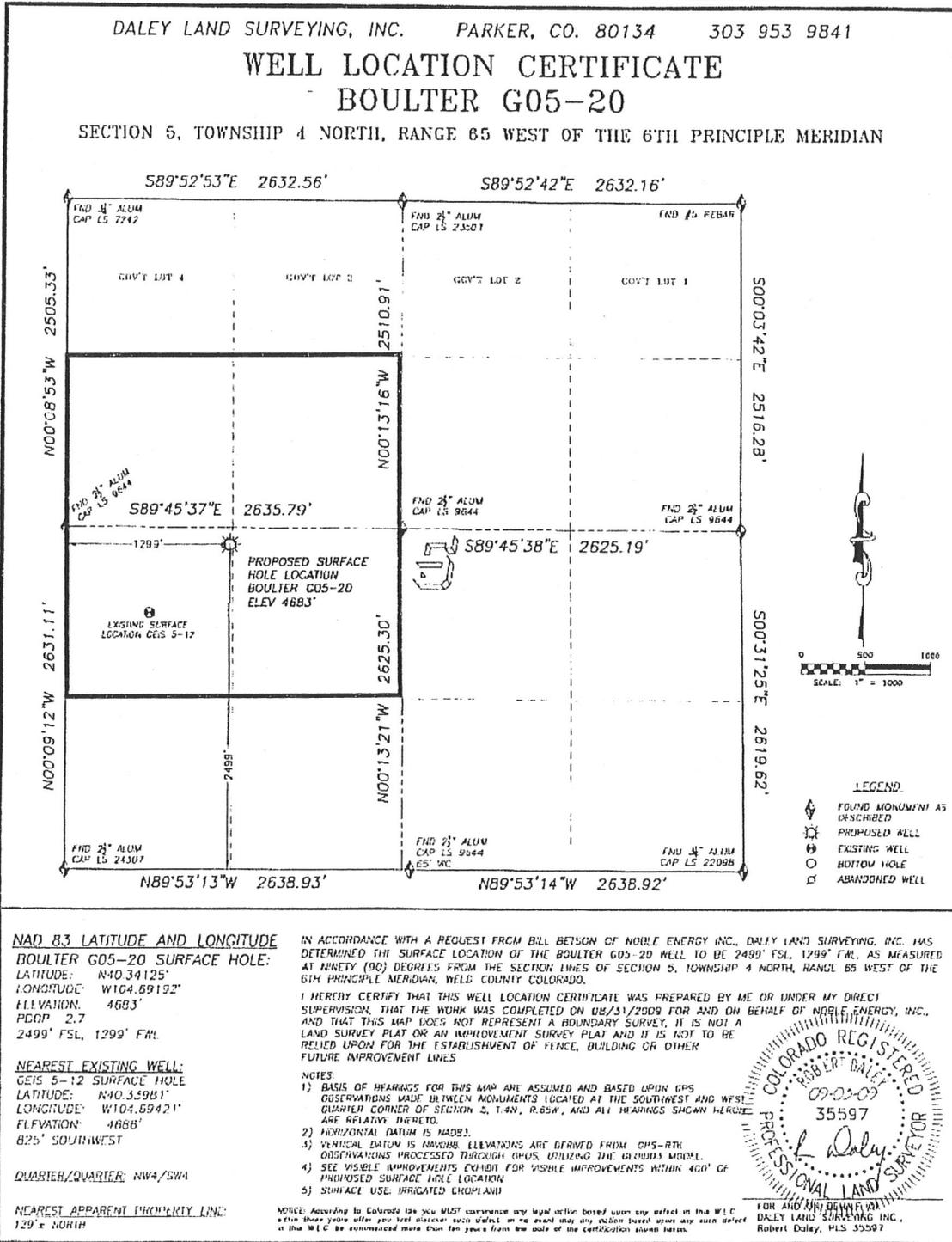
The governmental ¼ Section has less than 8 bottom hole wells producing from the Codell & Niobrara formations.

# PROPOSED 318Ae SPACING UNIT

DALEY LAND SURVEYING, INC.    PARKER, CO. 80134    303 953 9841

## WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE BOULTER G05-20

SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN



**NAD 83 LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE**

**BOULTER G05-20 SURFACE HOLE:**  
 LATITUDE: N40.34125"  
 LONGITUDE: W104.69192"  
 ELEVATION: 4693'  
 PCOP: 2.7  
 2499' FSL, 1299' F.M.

**NEAREST EXISTING WELL:**  
 CEIS 5-12 SURFACE HOLE  
 LATITUDE: N40.35981"  
 LONGITUDE: W104.69421"  
 ELEVATION: 4686'  
 825' SOUTHWEST

**QUARTER/QUARTER:** NW4/SW4

**NEAREST APPARENT PROPERTY LINE:**  
 129' ± NORTH

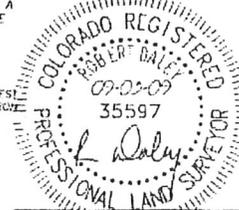
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REQUEST FROM BILL BETSON OF NOBLE ENERGY INC., DALEY LAND SURVEYING, INC. HAS DETERMINED THE SURFACE LOCATION OF THE BOULTER G05-20 WELL TO BE 2499' FSL, 1299' F.M., AS MEASURED AT NINETY (90) DEGREES FROM THE SECTION LINES OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, WELD COUNTY COLORADO.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, THAT THE WORK WAS COMPLETED ON 08/31/2009 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC., AND THAT THIS MAP DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY, IT IS NOT A LAND SURVEY PLAT OR AN IMPROVEMENT SURVEY PLAT AND IT IS NOT TO BE RELIED UPON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FENCE, BUILDING OR OTHER FUTURE IMPROVEMENT LINES.

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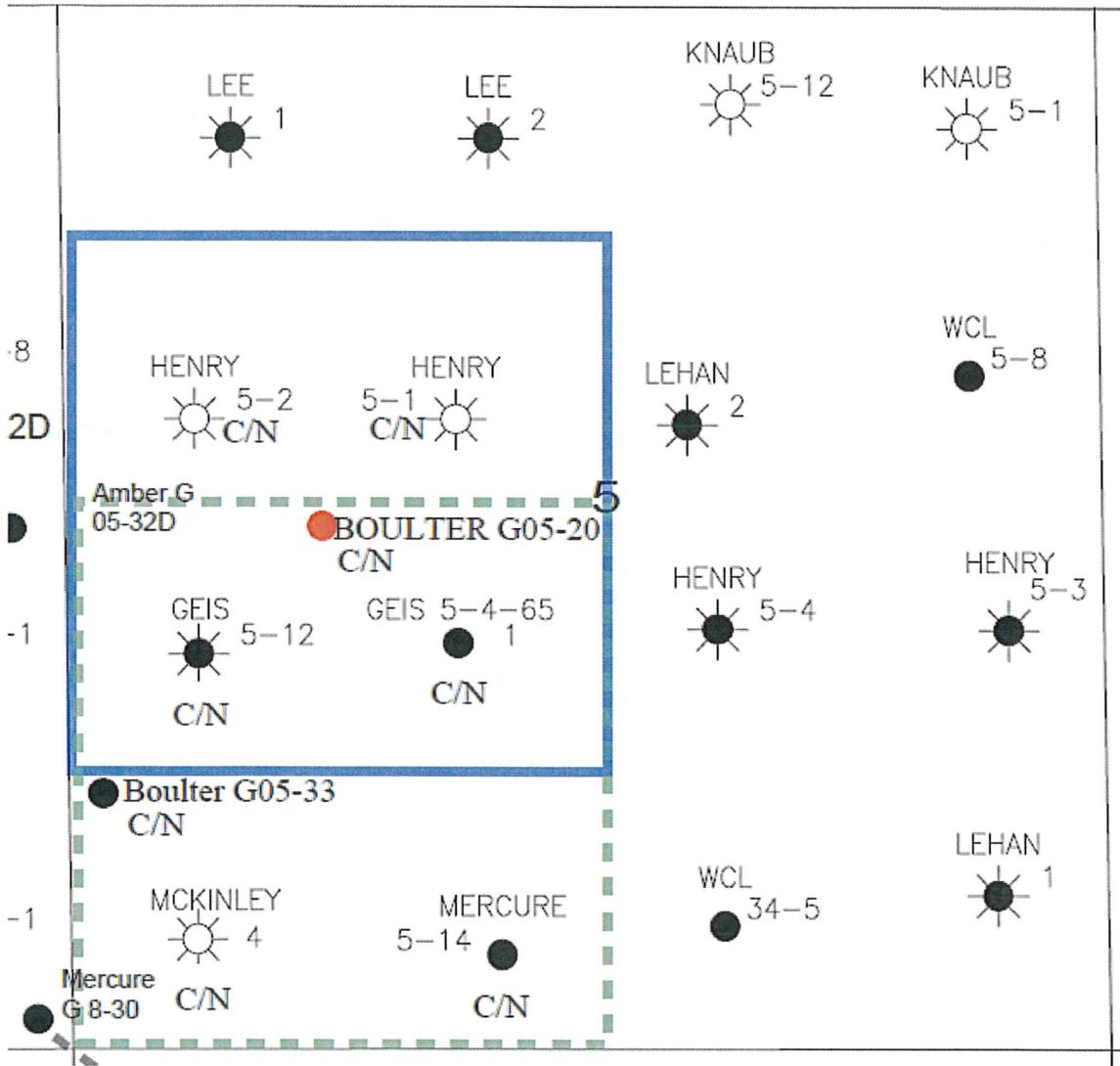
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- 4) SEE VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS EXHIBIT FOR VISIBLE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN 400' OF PROPOSED SURFACE HOLE LOCATION.
- 5) SURFACE USE: IRRIGATED CROPLAND.

NOTICE: According to Colorado law you MUST commence any legal action based upon any defect in this W.L.C. within three years after you first receive such defect, or no event may any action based upon any such defect of the W.L.C. be commenced more than ten years from the date of the certification shown herein.



FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
 DALEY LAND SURVEYING, INC.  
 Robert Daley, PLS 35597

**BOULTER G05-20**  
**NWSW, Section 5, T4N, R65W**



**LEGEND**

 Proposed 160 acre Spacing Unit

 Bottom Hole Located NWSW, Section 5, T4N, R65W

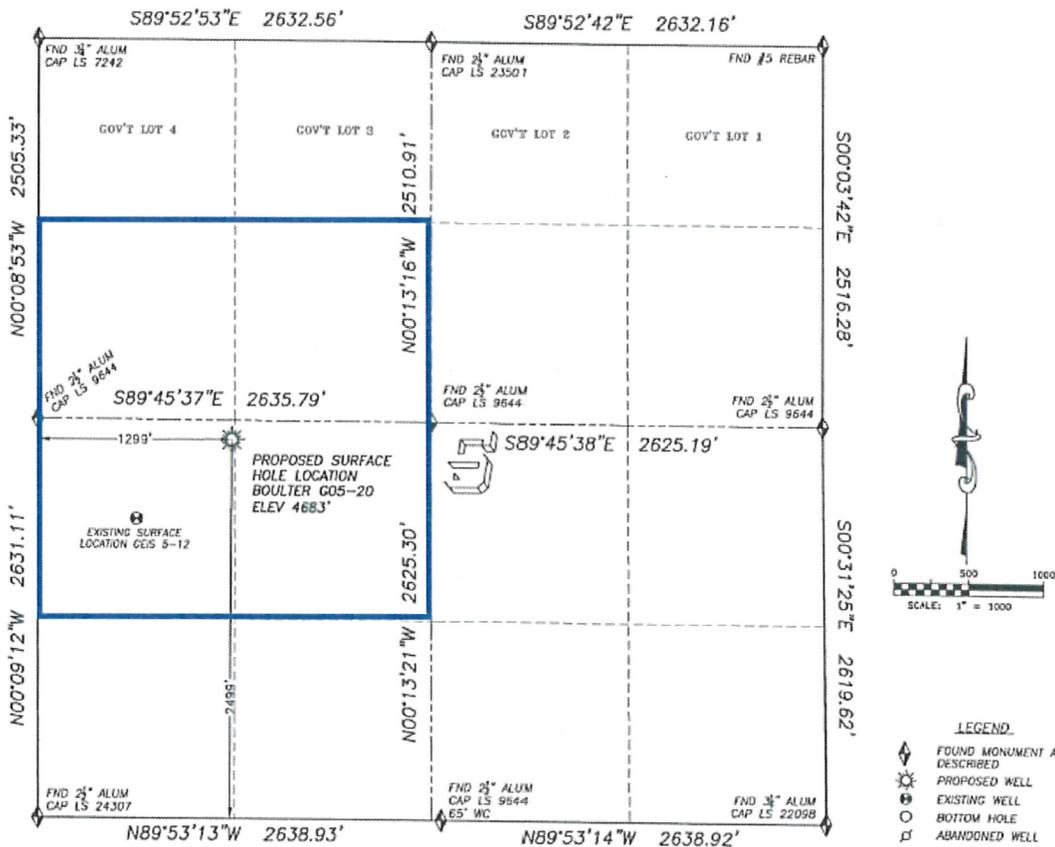
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- LEGEND**
- ◆ FOUND MONUMENT AS DESCRIBED
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  - ⊔ ABANDONED WELL

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