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

Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: Thunderhead USX AB 25-99HZ  
Niobrara Horizontal  
Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 25: NWNW: 244' FNL & 587' FWL (Surface Location)  
Section 25: NESE: 1349' FSL & 664' FEL (Bottom Hole Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("NEI") is planning to drill the captioned horizontal well across Section 25 starting at the above Surface Location and ending at the above Bottom Hole Location..

NEI's proposed wellbore spacing unit consists of the the entire 640 acres of Section 25, T7N, R64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. NEI is the only owner within the proposed wellbore spacing unit, therefore NEI hereby attests that no notice letters are required under COGCC Rule 318A.e.(6).

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/J Sand wells located within the existing 160-acre governmental quarter sections of Section 25 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Mari Clark', written over a horizontal line.

Mari Clark  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.