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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, Acting Director

RE: **Request to the Director for Property Line Exception**  
**Ashton J33-21D**  
Codell/Niobrara New Drill  
Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 33: NW/4NW/4: 1216' FNL & 1305' FWL (Surface Location)

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Codell/Niobrara formations.

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked at a location approximately 82' from a surface property line. As prescribed by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 603.a.(2), Noble has obtained written exception of said Rule 603.a.(2) from the surface owner, contained in waiver. A copy of this waiver is attached for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waivers and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned wells.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mari Clark', written over a horizontal line.

Mari Clark  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.