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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 J33-20D
Codell/Niobrara New Drill
Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.
Section 33: NW/4NW/4: 1187' FNL & 1278' 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 111' 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 black ink that reads 'Mari Clark'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mari Clark
Regulatory Analyst II
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