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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: **Request to the Director for Spacing Order No. 139-73 Surface Location Exception (19H Pad)**

Doghead 19-32A well, Surface Location 2015' FNL, 30' FEL  
William Fork, lles New Drill  
Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 19: SE/NE (Surface Location)  
Section 20: SW/NW (Surface Location)  
Garfield County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the William Fork/lles formations.

Under the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission's Spacing Order No. 139-73 it is stated that the Operator can have only one pad per quarter-quarter .

The surface location of NEI's proposed pad has been staked so that the 19H pad is staked in both SE/NE of Section 19 and SWNW of Section 20, therefore, two pads are within the SWNW of Section 20, 7S, R94W, Garfield County, CO. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner, Joan L. Savage, who has approved the above two locations on her private surface. This exception location request is being made so that Noble Energy Inc. can meet the White River National Forest Service request to minimize surface impacts on Forest Service Property.

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 well.

Respectfully,

Linda J. Pavelka  
Regulatory Manager  
Noble Energy Inc.