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David Neslin  
State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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**RE: Witte 21-6B Well- Sec. 6, T2S, R44W, NENW- Request for Variance and 318B waiver- Yuma County, CO**

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. controls certain oil and gas leasehold on fee minerals in Yuma County, Colorado. By this letter, we are requesting a variance to Rule 318B for location of well setbacks for the Witte 21-6B well.

The plan developed for the Witte 21-6B will not comply with the 318B requirement of 300 feet from the outer boundary of said quarter section. A variance to the rule 318B is being requested for the Witte 21-6B which will encroach on the NE quarter of Sec. 6, T2S, R44W at a distance of 211 feet. Attached to this correspondence is the waiver letter from the affected mineral owner, Wilma Brueggeman.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 303-228-4342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jennifer Barnett'.

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