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Colorado Department  
of Public Health  
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Mr. David Neslin, Director COGCC  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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Re: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Consultation for the Noble Energy proposed variance request to Rule 603.a.(2) Form 2A #400028430

Dear Mr. Neslin:

This letter describes CDPHE's decision to recommend that the COGCC grant the request for a variance to COGCC Rule 603.a.(2) submitted by Noble Energy. Rule 603a.(2) establishes a minimum distance a well shall be located from a property line and states in part:

"A well shall be a minimum distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a surface property line..."

Specifically, Noble Energy is requesting that the company be allowed to locate a well 124 feet from a property line in a cultivated field. Noble Energy has obtained a waiver from the offset surface owner as required in COGCC Rule 603.a.(2).

In view of the foregoing and after verifying that there is no building unit in close proximity to this location, CDPHE believes that granting this variance will result in adequate protection of the public health, safety, welfare and environment. CDPHE reserves the right to consult on any future variance requests from rules this agency may consult on (pursuant to COGCC Rule 306) within this location. If you have questions regarding this recommendation or discussion would be helpful, please contact me at (303) 692-3662.

Sincerely,

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