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Mr. David Neslin, Director COGCC
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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 #400044936 in Weld County.

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 for well name Zabka, well numbered K20-32D located in Section 20 Township 4N Range 66W. Rule 603.a.(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..."

Facts learned during consultation include:

- Noble Energy is requesting approval to locate a well 122 feet from a surface property line in Weld County;
- Noble Energy has obtained a waiver from the offset surface owner as required in COGCC Rule 603.a.(2); and
- CDPHE has verified that there are no building units or public roads within 150 feet of this location.

In view of the foregoing, 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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