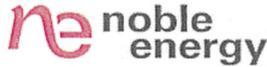


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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**  
**Directional Drilling Waiver**  
**Request to the Director for 603a.2 Property Line Exception**  
Wells Ranch PC AA 22-18  
Codell/Niobrara New Drill  
Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 22: NE/4NW/4: 1296' FNL & 2600' FWL (Surface Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

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 outside of the 318Aa drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission in a Waiver letter from the surface owner.

By signing this letter you hereby grant your consent to Noble to locate the well outside the GWA window as defined in COGCC Rule 318A.a. and waive the directional drilling requirement under Rule 318A.e.

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked at a location approximately 30' from a surface property line. As prescribed by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 603.a.(2), Noble has obtained a waiver of said Rule 603.a.(2) from the affected surface owner. 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 well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jan Kajiwar'.

Jan Kajiwar  
Regulatory Analyst  
Noble Energy Inc.