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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 Property Line Exception**
SPIKE STATE D16-99HZ
Niobrara New Drill
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: NE/4SE/4: 1361' FSL & 101' FEL (Surface Location)

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Niobrara formations.

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked at a location approximately 101' from a surface property line. As prescribed by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 603.a.(2), Noble has obtained written exception of said Rule 603.a.(2) from the surface owner, contained in a waiver. 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 wells.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mari Clark'.

Mari Clark
Regulatory Analyst II
Noble Energy Inc.