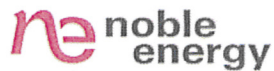


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Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for Property Line Exception**
HOWARD USX A09-06D
Codell/Niobrara New Drill
Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: SW/4NW/4: 1441' FNL & 1243' FWL (Surface Location)

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 at a location approximately 60' 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,

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