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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 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)

Wetco Farms L-4: Lot 2 (1320' FNL, 2647' FWL) Sec. 4, T4N, R63W, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado
Wetco Farms G-4: Lot 2 (1320' FNL, 2634' FWL) Sec. 4, T4N, R63W, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating, LLC ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above mentioned oil and gas wells, to the Niobrara-Codell Formation, from a well pad to be located as described above. The proposed location is being permitted as an exception location, at the request of the tenant farmer. The landowner is aware of this, and has granted said tenant farmer authority to negotiate and execute Surface Use Agreements pertaining to oil and gas development from the property. Bonanza Creek has obtained written permission, in a waiver, from the tenant farmer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Bonanza respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the exception location variance and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well(s).

Sincerely,

BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC



Keith S. Caplan
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enclosure