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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: BUTTERBALL D18-75HN  
Niobrara New Drill  
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 19: NW/4NE/4: 266' FNL & 2013' FEL (Surface Location)  
Section 18: SW/4SE/4: 954' FSL & 2605' FEL (Begin Production Location)  
Section 7: SW/4SE/4: 150' FSL & 2600' FEL (Bottom Hole Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. ("NEI") is planning to drill the captioned boundary well in accordance with the provisions of COGCC Rule 318A.e.

NEI's proposed wellbore spacing unit consists of the E/2W/2, W/2E/2 Section 18, SE/4SW/4, SW/4SE/4 Section 7, T 3N, R64W, creating a 400-acre wellbore spacing unit. NEI is the only owner within the proposed wellbore spacing unit, therefore NEI hereby attests that no notice letters are required under COGCC Rule 318A.e.(6).

Enclosed are copies of the following documents to assist you in your review and approval of NEI's proposed APD for the captioned well:

- Plat illustrating the proposed wellbore spacing unit and number of Niobrara wells located within the existing 400-acre governmental quarter section(s) (SE/4), (NE/4) Sec. 18, (SE/4) Sec. 7, to be less than eight (8) in accordance with COGCC Rule 318A.f.
- Plat illustrating proposed wellbore spacing unit on existing location plat.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. NEI respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Sincerely,

Susan Miller  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.