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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)**  
Niobrara Horizontal Well New Drills

Pronghorn 11-14-5HZ: Lot4 (245' FNL, 448' FWL) Sec 5-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 31-44-6HZ: Lot2 (225' FNL, 2062' FEL) Sec 6-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 14-44-7HZ: Lot4 (200' FSL, 200' FWL) Sec 7-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 41-44-18HZ: NENE (200' FNL, 460' FEL) Sec 6-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO

Mr. Neslin:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced horizontal oil and gas well(s) to the Niobrara Formation from well pads to be located as described above. The proposed locations are being permitted as exception locations, in an effort to optimize the lateral length of these horizontal wells. Bonanza Creek has obtained written permission in a waiver from the surface owner.

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, INC.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith S. Caplan".

Keith S. Caplan  
Senior Operations Technician

**enclosure**



**SURFACE OWNER'S RESPONSE LETTER  
COGCC Rule 318A.a.(1) Exceptions**

Pronghorn 11-14-511Z: Lot4 (245' FNL, 448' FWL) Sec 5-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 31-44-611Z: Lot2 (225' FNL, 2062' FEL) Sec 6-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 14-44-711Z: Lot4 (200' FSL, 200' FWL) Sec 7-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 41-44-1811Z: NENE (200' FNL, 460' FEL) Sec 6-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO

Having reviewed Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.'s letter **Surface Owner Exceptions, COGCC Wattenberg Window Rules** dated **09 December 2011**, the undersigned Surface Owner or Designated Representative hereby grants Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. exceptions to the following COGCC Rules with respect to the above referenced well locations.

COGCC Rule 318A.a.(1) - Well location within a 400' GWA Window

Signed and Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

**SURFACE OWNER or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:**

By [Signature] By General Partner of L.S. Natural, Ltd.

Title: Chairman of Board of Directors of L.S. Natural, Ltd.

**Designated Representative (if any)**

Designated Representative (Agent): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_