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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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Attn: Tom Kerr, Acting Director

RE: Request to the Director for 318A(I).a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)
Request to the Director for 318A(I).c Twinning Location Exception
Wattenberg Area Multi-well Pad

Seventy Holes 41-18 Pad: NENE Sec.18, T4N, R62W, 6th PM, Weld County, Colorado
Seventy Holes 41-18 (582' FNL 250' FEL), Seventy Holes 41-11-18HZ (552' FNL 250' FEL),
Seventy Holes 11-41-17 HZ (567' FNL 250' FEL)

Mr. Kerr:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced 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 in an effort to maximize the lateral length of the two Horizontal Wells (Niobrara only) located on the drilling pad. Bonanza Creek has obtained written permission in a waiver from the surface owner.

Additionally, under Rule 318A(I).c, any new twinning well is to be located within 50 feet of an existing well. Bonanza has obtained permission, contained in a waiver from the surface owner, to locate the proposed wellhead(s) greater than 50 feet from an existing well.

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.
BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC.

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