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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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Attn: Matthew Lepore, 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  
Niobrara Horizontal Well New Drills**

Pronghorn P-T-17HNB: NWNE (465' FNL, 1490' FEL) Sec 17-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO

Mr. Lepore:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced horizontal oil and gas well(s) to the Niobrara Formation from well pad(s) 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.

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.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith S. Caplan'.

Keith S. Caplan  
Senior Regulatory Specialist

**enclosure**



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

Pronghorn P-17 Pad: NWN Sec 17-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO  
Pronghorn 41-44-17HZ (445' FNL, 1490' FEL), Pronghorn K-O-17HZ (425' FNL, 1490' FEL),  
Pronghorn P-T-17HZ (465' FNL, 1490' FEL), Pronghorn U-Y-17HZ (405' FNL, 1490' FEL)

Having reviewed Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.'s letter **Surface Owner Waivers, COGCC Wattenberg Window and Twinning Rules** dated **8 August 2012**, 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(I).a – Well location within a GWA Window  
COGCC Rule 318A(I).c – Well location within 50' of an existing well

Signed and Dated this 9 day of August, 2012.

**SURAGE OWNER or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:**

By Susan Carlson P.O.A. By \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Susan Carlson Jobs, Power of Attorney

**Designated Representative (if any)**

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