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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission
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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 F-16 Pad: CNW/4 Sec 16-T5N-R61W, 6th PM, Weld County, CO
State Pronghorn 11-14-16HNB (370' FNL 1259' FWL), State Pronghorn A2-6HZ (350' FNL 1259' FWL)
State Pronghorn A3-16HZ (330' FNL 1260' FWL), State Pronghorn A4-16HZ (310' FNL 1260' FWL)
State Pronghorn A5-16HZ (290' FNL 1260' FWL), State Pronghorn A6-16HZ (270' FNL 1260' FWL)
State Pronghorn A7-16HZ (250' FNL 1260' FWL)

Mr. Lepore:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced horizontal oil and gas well(s) to the Niobrara 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 optimize the lateral length of the associated horizontal well(s). 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