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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203  
Attn: Mr. Matt Lepore, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for Surface Location Exception (Outside Drilling and Spacing Unit)**  
KEOTA PC LB26-62HN  
Niobrara New Drill  
Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 27: SE/4SE/4: 1282' FSL & 350' FEL (Surface Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Niobrara formation(s).

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked outside of the drilling and spacing unit as defined in COGCC Order 535-3. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waivers and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

Susan Miller  
Regulatory Analyst III  
Noble Energy Inc.