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

RE: Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)  
Crow Creek State AC36-75-1HN  
Niobrara New Drill  
Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 36: SW/4SE/4: 270'FSL & 1575' FEL  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Noble Energy In. (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 318A.a drilling window. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liz Lindow'.

Liz Lindow  
Regulatory Analyst  
Noble Energy, Inc.