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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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RE: **Request for 318A.a and Twinning 318A.c Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**
Willow Bend LD 18-22HC Willow Bend LD 18-22HN
Willow Bend LD 18-23HC Willow Bend LD 18-23HN
Willow Bend LD 18-36HN-2 Willow Bend LD 18-37HN

Niobrara/Codell New Drills
Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 18: NENE
Adams County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC is planning to drill the above mentioned wells to the Niobrara-Codell formations.

The surface location of Great Westerns proposed wells have been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The location is being permitted and as an exception location. This location is a good location to both reduce the impact on the surface owner and to increase the number of wells reachable from one well pad to minimize surface disturbance.

Rule 318Ac(2) of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rules and Regulations requiring the wells drilled greater than 50 feet from a well unless safety or mechanical consideration of the well to be twinned or topographical or surface constraints justify a location greater than 50 feet the operator shall provide consent to the exception signed by the surface owner on which the well is proposed to be located in order for the Director to approve the well location. Please find the attached signed location 318A.c(2) waiver.

Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waiver and Application for Permit to Drill the above captioned wells.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Hartnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC