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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, 318A.c, Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)  
Wells Ranch AA35-69-1AHNC, Wells Ranch AA35-68-1AHNC, Wells Ranch AA35-69-1BHNC, Wells Ranch  
AA35-69-1HNA, Wells Ranch AA35-68-1BHNC  
Section 36 Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

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

The surface location of NEI's proposed well(s) have 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/SUA from the surface owner.

Under the Revised Rule 318A.c any new twinning well is to be located within 50' of an existing well. The surface location of NEI's proposed well(s) have been staked approximately 565' from the nearest oil and gas well. Noble has obtain permission, contained in a waiver/SUA, 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(s).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Webb'.

Julie Webb  
Regulatory Analyst  
Noble Energy, Inc.