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COGCC Form 2A review of PDC Energy's Thornton 14K-TB Pad - Doc #400486022

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Fri, Dec 13, 2013 at 2:37 PM

To: Liz Lindow <liz.lindow@pdce.com>

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Please respond with the requested items by January 13, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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Wed, Dec 18, 2013 at 10:48 AM

To: "Andrews - DNR, Doug" <doug.andrews@state.co.us>

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Fri, Dec 20, 2013 at 9:10 AM

For #4 below for noise mitigation:

It is not anticipated that noise mitigation will be necessary at the proposed tank battery location. After construction is completed, equipment installed and production begins, noise levels will be assessed to determine if mitigation measures will be required to be compliant with Rule 802. If noise mitigation measures are warranted, the COGCC will be consulted accordingly.

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Fri, Dec 27, 2013 at 10:51 AM

To: Liz Lindow <Liz.Lindow@pdce.com>

Liz,

Now that the public comment period has closed, please let me know if any meetings with Building Unit owners and PDC Energy occurred and if any concerns were expressed by the Building Unit owners either during a meeting or in any correspondence (phone, letter, email, etc.) with PDC.

As a final step in the Form 2A notification process, per COGCC Rule 604.a.(2), please send me a signed letter on PDC letterhead certifying that PDC has complied with Rule 306.e. concerning meeting requirements.

Thank you.

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Mon, Dec 30, 2013 at 9:26 AM

To: "Andrews - DNR, Doug" <doug.andrews@state.co.us>

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