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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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RE: Request for Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A.a)

**Raindance FD 30-021HN
Raindance FD 30-022HN
Raindance FD 30-024HC
Raindance FD 30-025HN
Raindance FD 30-027HN
Raindance FD 30-028HC
Raindance FD 30-029HN
Raindance FD 30-232HN
Raindance FD 30-233HC
Raindance FD 30-234HN**

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Great Western Operating Company, LLC is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Niobrara formation.

The surface location of Great Western's proposed wells has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The location is being permitted 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. Please find the attached signed location 318A.a waiver.

Great Western Operating Company, LLC respectfully request 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,

Shannon Hartnett
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Great Western Operating Company, LLC