



Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

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Matt Lepore
Director, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Department of Natural Resources
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for Exception to Rule 318A.a & 318A.c
MERLIN STATE 9C-15HZ (Document No. 400766507)
MERLIN 40N-14HZ (Document No. 400766232)
MERLIN 9N-15HZ (Document No. 400767615)
MERLIN STATE 39N-15HZ (Document No. 400767646)
Township 3 North, Range 67 West
Section 15: SWNW
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director Lepore:

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("KMG") respectfully requests approval of an exception to Rule 318A.a to allow the above-named wells to be drilled at the above-referenced location. Rule 318A.a of the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission's Rules and Regulations requires wells to be drilled and completed in a square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any quarter/quarter section or in the center of any quarter section with the four sides being eight hundred (800) feet in length. The above-named wells are being permitted as an exception location at the request of the surface owner.

Rule 318A.c of the COGCC's Rules and Regulations requires any new twinning well to be located within fifty (50) feet of an existing well. The above-named wells are more than fifty (50) feet from the nearest existing oil and gas well.

KMG has obtained a signed waiver from the surface owner for both of these requests and that signed waiver is attached to each corresponding Form 2 Application for Permit to Drill. Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike McConaughy'.

Mike McConaughy
Sr. Regulatory Analyst