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State of Colorado, Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Attn: Matt Lepore
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Re: **Letter to the Director, Rule 317.p**

Chesnut 5N64W21YTQ Pad, SESE Sec. 21 T5N R64W, Weld County, Colorado

Wells: Chesnut 21W-434 (doc #400944449), 21W-304 (doc #400944559), 21X-214 (doc #400944642), 21X-434 (doc #400944750), 21X-414 (doc #400944809), 21X-304 (doc #400944853), 21Y-404 (doc #400944882) and 21Y-214 (doc #400944917)

Dear Director:

PDC Energy ("PDC") intends to drill and produce the above referenced horizontal oil and gas well(s), to be located as described above. PDC respectfully requests the Director to approve an exception to Rule 317.p for the referenced proposed wells, as adequate well log control exist in the records of offset wells drilled in the vicinity of the surface-hole location of the proposed new wells. In lieu of running an open hole log, one of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Case-hole Pulsed Neutron Log with Gamma Ray Log from TD into the surface casing in addition to PDC's normal Gamma Ray/ Neutron (GR/N) log and CBL run on all wells on the pad.

The logs from the following prior-drilled well are proposed to provide adequate log coverage to characterize the geology of the area.

Well name(s) with Log	API #	Distance to well	Direction to well	Document Numbers	Type of Log
Chesnut 2	05-123- 15253	445'	SW	1050089, 187670	Density Log, Sonic Cement Bond Log
Chesnut 5	05-123- 22006	1099'	NW	1283774, 1283666, 1283773,	Compensated density/compensated neutron/gamma ray, cement bond/gamma ray collar correlation log, Dual Induction Guard Log Gamma Ray
Thoutt 22-2	05-123- 16212	1202'	E	965044, 965043	Radioactivity Log, Density Log

The Cased-hole Pulsed Neutron Log with Gamma Ray Log will be run from TD into the surface casing on one of the first wells drilled on the pad. The CBL and Gamma Ray/ Neutron (GR/N) logs will be run on the 7" first string, from the top of the curve to surface, on all the proposed new wells on the subject pad. The horizontal portion of each well on the pad will be logged with a measured-while-drilling Gamma Ray log and all logs will be submitted to COGCC. The Drilling Completion Report- Form 5 submitted for each well will list all logs run in that well and indicate that no open-hole logs were run. PDC hereby requests the Director to grant an exception to Rule 317.p.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this permit, please contact the undersigned at (303) 831-3974.

Sincerely,

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