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**Exception Location Waiver - COGCC Wattenberg Window and Twinning Rules (318A.a, 318A.c.)**

**Pronghorn B-28 Pad NWNW Sec. 28, T5N, R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, Colorado**

State Pronghorn 41-29-30XRLNB (1318' FNL, 548' FWL)	Document 401076001
State Pronghorn V-29-30XRLNB (1338' FNL, 548' FWL)	Document 401076004
State Pronghorn V42-29-30XRLNB (1358' FNL, 548' FWL)	Document 401076008
State Pronghorn W42-29-30XRLNB (1378' FNL, 548' FWL)	Document 401076011

Director Lepore:

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced horizontal oil and gas wells to the Niobrara Formation from a well pad to be located as described above. The surface locations of the proposed wells have been staked outside of a 318A.a Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) drilling window and are being permitted as exception locations, in an effort to optimize the lateral length of the associated horizontal wells. Bonanza has obtained written permission in a waiver from the owner.

Additionally, under Rule 318A.c, any new twinning well is to be located within 50 feet of an existing well. Bonanza has obtained permission, contained in a waiver from the surface owner, to locate the proposed wellhead greater than 50 feet from an existing well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Bonanza respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Exception Location Variance and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned wells.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie L. Vigil'.

Julie L. Vigil

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