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Ms. Julie Murphy, Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

**RE: COGCC Rule 304.d.(2) Lesser Impact Area Exemption
OGDP DP455 - Oil and Gas Development Plan Application
Y12-15 Pad - Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 64 West
Form 2A Document No. 403377977
YY18-07 Pad - Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 63 West
Form 2A Document No. 403377983
Weld County, Colorado**

Dear Director Murphy,

Noble Energy has filed a Form 2A with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) for each of the above referenced locations. COGCC Rule 304.d. stipulates that the Director may exempt an Operator from submitting any of the information required by Rule 304.b. or any plan required by Rule 304.c. Noble Energy respectfully requests an exemption from the Director based on evidence showing the information or plan is unnecessary because the impacted resource or resource concern is not present in the area; or impacts to the resource will be so minimal as to pose no concern. Please see the attached Table for details.

Pursuant to COGCC Rule 304.d.(2), Operators may request an exemption from the Director in writing, without proceeding through the ordinary Rule 502 variance process. A request for an exemption will be provided with the Form 2A at the time the Form is submitted. This letter serves as the required exemption request.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience at (970)304-5057, or dougdenison@chevron.com.

Regards,
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Exemption Requested From	Resource Concern	Exemption Circumstance	Description
Rule 304.c.(2) & 423.a. Noise Mitigation Plan	Noise impacts to People and Wildlife	Impact to Resource is minimal.	<p>These locations are in a sparsely populated and mostly undeveloped area. A review of available map data and plats indicates the closest residential building unit is over 3,700 feet from the proposed working pad surface of the Y12-15 Pad and over 1 mile from the proposed working pad surface of the YY18-07 Pad. The building unit nearest the Y12-15 pad is a shed used to store equipment for a nearby sand-mining operation. There are several building units to the southeast of the YY18-07 on the opposite side of Interstate 76, and all these building units are offices and other buildings associated with commercial businesses. As noted below, Noble will install sound walls along the south and east sides of the YY18-07 Pad to mitigate any light impacts to Interstate 76 which will also mitigate any noise impacts to these businesses. In addition, the existing noise associated with the interstate likely results in high ambient noise levels. There is no HPH identified near the proposed well pads. Based on all the above facts, noise is not expected to pose a concern to people or wildlife.</p>

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Rule 304.c.(3) & 424.a. Light Mitigation Plan	Light impacts to People and Wildlife	Impact to Resource is minimal.	<p>These locations are in a sparsely populated and mostly undeveloped area. A review of available map data and plats indicates the closest residential building unit is over 3,700 feet from the proposed working pad surface of the Y12-15 Pad and over 1 mile from the proposed working pad surface of the YY18-07 Pad. The building unit nearest the Y12-15 pad is a shed used to store equipment for a nearby sand-mining operation. There are several building units to the southeast of the YY18-07 on the opposite side of Interstate 76, and all these building units are offices and other buildings associated with commercial businesses. Due to the proximity of the YY18-07 Pad to Interstate 76, Noble will install sound walls along the south and east sides to mitigate any light impacts to the interstate which will also mitigate any light impacts to these businesses. There is no HPH identified near the proposed well pads. Based on all the above facts, light is not expected to pose a concern to people or wildlife.</p>
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