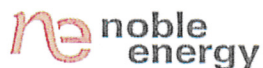


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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)
MILLAGE C12-31D
Codell/Niobrara New Drill
Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 11: SENE: 2132' FNL & 455' FEL (Surface Location)
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy Inc. (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Codell/Niobrara formations

The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked outside of the 318Aa drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. NEI has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waivers and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kate Shirley'.

Kate Shirley
Regulatory Specialist
Noble Energy Inc.