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Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203
Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

Certified Mail
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**RE: Waiver of Rule 305.c 20-Day Notice Requirement
Wooly Bugger 34-20 Wells – Permit in Process
Township 19 South, Range 69 West: Section 20: SE/4
Fremont County, Colorado**

Dear Mr. Neslin:

I am writing as the Local Government Designee for Fremont County government. Please accept this letter as notification by Fremont County for the COGCC to waive the required 20-day Notice Requirement referenced in Rule 305.c regarding the above referenced oil well locations. The procedure for the granting of this waiver is set forth in Rules 303.1.2 and 502.b.

As you know, Fremont County recently sent another request for expedited permitting. We understand this is not the usual permitting procedure and will not be making these requests regularly. The reasons for this request are:

1. Pine Ridge Oil & Gas, LLC, the operator of these proposed well, presently has a rig drilling in the Florence Area that will leave if Pine Ridge is unable to rapidly receive a State of Colorado drilling permit. That would result in Pine Ridge incurring substantial expense and delays.
2. Pine Ridge needs this permit issued quickly as this well is to replace a well that Pine Ridge just drilled (ApacheGold 34-20). The ApacheGold well encountered production at a shallower level than anticipated (it has been completed as a producer) so the original target was not reached. The Wooly Bugger well is designed to drill to that previous target.
3. Previous drilling in this program has gone faster than anticipated.

In addition, Pine Ridge will drill this well from an existing pad which will minimize surface disturbance.

Fremont County wants drilling in the County for the economic benefits it brings and requests the State's cooperation on this matter. Thank you.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 719-275-7360 or at planning@fremontco.com.

Sincerely,

Marshall Butler
Planning Coordinator

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