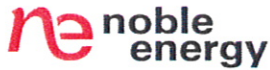


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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**  
**Phillips 23-1-17**  
Codell/Niobrara New Drill  
Township 5 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 23: NW/4NE/4: 653' FNL & 1604' 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 318A.a 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 'Cheryl Johnson'.

Cheryl Johnson  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.