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David Neslin
State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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**RE: Blach 22-6B Well- Sec. 6, T1N, R46W, SENW- Request for Variance and 318B waiver
Yuma County, CO**

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Noble Energy, Inc. controls certain oil and gas leasehold on fee minerals in Yuma County, Colorado. By this letter, we are requesting a variance to Rule 318B for location of well setbacks for the Blach 22-6B well.

The plan developed for the Blach 22-6B will not comply with the 318B requirement of 300 feet from the outer boundary of said quarter section. A variance to the rule 318B is being requested for the Blach 22-6B which will encroach on the NE quarter of Sec. 6, T1N, R46W at a distance of 36 feet. All of Section 6, T1N, R46W is a pooled section therefore no waivers are attached with this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 303-228-4064.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda Pavelka'.

Linda Pavelka
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