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Mr. David Neslin
Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Hidalgo 11-12
Request for Exception Location
Las Animas County, CO**

Dear Mr. Neslin:

Concerning the referenced proposed well, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., respectfully requests your consideration for an Exception Location to COGCC Rule 603a (2) which stipulates that a well shall be a minimum distance of 150 feet from a property line. Pioneer is requesting this exception due to geologic and topographic conditions as well as the combination of well positioning for geologic and severe topographic constraints. This well would be 92 feet from the property line. A waiver letter signed by the encroached upon surface owner is attached.

Should you have any geologic questions or wish to have the surface location inspected, please contact me at (303) 675-2611 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

Georgina Kovack
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Engineering Technician

Enclosure