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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203  
Attn: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 318A.c Twinning Location Exception  
DECHANT D31-18D**  
Codell/Niobrara/J Sand New Drill  
Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 31: NW/4SE/4: 2129' FSL & 1984' FEL (Surface Location)  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

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

Under the Revised Rule 318A.c any new twinning well is to be located within 50' of an existing well. The surface location of NEI's proposed well has been staked approximately 107' from the nearest oil and gas well. Noble has obtained 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,

**Susan Miller**  
Regulatory Analyst II  
Noble Energy Inc.