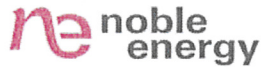


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ATTN: Mr. David Neslin, Director

RE: Rule 318B Waiver Request  
Pletcher 13-25  
NWSW Section 25 T1N R47W  
Yuma County, CO

Dear Mr. Neslin,

Noble Energy Inc (NEI) is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Niobrara formation. Under the Yuma/Phillips County Special Well Location Rule 318B.a.(4) "Wells shall be located at least 300 feet from the boundary of said quarter section" and "be located at least 300 feet from any lease line". The proposed Pletcher 13-25 location is 282 feet from the west quarter section line which encroaches 18 feet from the set-back requirement.

This location was chosen based on recent seismic information, anticipating a successful well, and with input from the surface owners (Mr. and Mrs. J. Pletcher) who are also the mineral owners. NEI has obtained permission, contained in waiver letters from the five affected mineral owners which includes Mr. and Mrs. J Pletcher.

Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waiver and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Cheryl Johnson  
Regulatory Analyst  
Noble Energy Inc.

Enclosures