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

RE: Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)  
Niobrara Horizontal Well New Drills

Pronghorn 11-14-12HZ: NWNW (200' FNL, 448' FWL) Sec 12-T5N-R61W, 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Weld County, CO

Mr. Neslin:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill the above referenced horizontal oil and gas well(s) to the Niobrara Formation from well pad(s) to be located as described above. The proposed locations are being permitted as exception locations, in an effort to optimize the lateral length of these horizontal wells. Bonanza Creek has obtained written permission in a waiver from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Bonanza respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the Exception Location Variance and Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well(s).

Sincerely,

**BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith S. Caplan".

Keith S. Caplan  
Senior Operations Technician

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