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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite # 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Attn: Mr. Thom Kerr, Director

**RE: Request to the Director for 318A.a and Twinning 318A.c. Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A Drilling Window)**  
HCW FD 24-20D (Surface 35' FSL and 2354' FWL) (Bottom 1320' FSL and 2640' FEL)  
HCW FD 24-35D (Surface 30' FSL and 2368' FWL) (Bottom 0' FSL and 1320' FWL)  
HCW FD 24-36D (Surface 25' FSL and 2382' FWL) (Bottom 0' FSL and 2617' FWL)  
Niobrara/Codell New Drills  
Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 24:SE/4SW/4  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Kerr:

Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC is planning to drill the above mentioned wells to the Niobrara formation(s).

The surface location of Great Western's proposed wells has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. Great Western has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner which is attached.

Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC 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. Thank you for your attention to the enclosed.

Respectfully,

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