



04/18/13

Mr. Matthew LaPore  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Request for 502b Variance  
GM 923-1D  
GM 931-1D  
GM 943-1D  
SWNE Section 1-T7S-R96W  
Garfield County, Colorado

Dear Sir:

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC Company requests a 502b Variance on the subject well pad. WPX Energy proposes deepening the 3 referenced Injection wells for produced water disposal purposes. Public Service Company of Colorado constructed a transmission line after the wells were drilled. The rig to be used in the deepening does not meet COGCC setback requirements of 1 ½ times the rig height away from a utility line. Per discussions with Public Service Company, and the location of their equipment, they see no issues in proceeding with our operations. (see attached email)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Davis".

Greg Davis  
WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC

## Davis, Gregory

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**From:** Mestas, April  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013 4:49 PM  
**To:** Davis, Gregory  
**Subject:** Fwd: GM 245-1 Topple Exhibit

Will this work for the state?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hall, Justin" <[Justin.Hall@wpxenergy.com](mailto:Justin.Hall@wpxenergy.com)>  
**Date:** April 17, 2013, 4:18:28 PM MDT  
**To:** "Mestas, April" <[April.Mestas@wpxenergy.com](mailto:April.Mestas@wpxenergy.com)>, "Bittner, Tyler" <[Tyler.Bittner@wpxenergy.com](mailto:Tyler.Bittner@wpxenergy.com)>  
**Cc:** "Hotard, Bryan" <[Bryan.Hotard@wpxenergy.com](mailto:Bryan.Hotard@wpxenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: GM 245-1 Topple Exhibit

April,

Please see below. Xcel does not have any issues with the rig being within the buffer the COGCC mandates. Please note, I sent them the exhibit for the largest derrick height (153').

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Justin Hall  
WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC  
(970) 263-2755 (O)  
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**From:** Diehl, Michael E [<mailto:Michael.Diehl@XCELENERGY.COM>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013 4:12 PM  
**To:** Hall, Justin  
**Subject:** FW: GM 245-1 Topple Exhibit

The electric substation in the vicinity of the proposed well is our Parachute Substation. Two 230kV electric transmission lines pass by the proposed well site and serve our Starkey Gulch and Wheeler substations northeast of the proposed well site. The closest line to the proposed well site is within a right-of-way 75' on either side of the transmission line. The proposed well is located near a transmission line structure, so there will be little, if any, blow-out of the line, therefore the conductors will not be closer than the proposed 153". Given the fact that the drill rig is proposed to be approximately 208' from our electric line, Public Service Company of Colorado does not see a problem with the subject WPXENERGY drill rig height of 153". Let me know if this statement helps with COGCC approval. If you need anything else from Public Service Company of Colorado, please feel free to contact me.

Michael E. Diehl, Manager  
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