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Attn: Matthew Lepore, Director

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

State Whitetail O-36 Pad SWSE Sec. 36, T6N, R62W, 6th PM, Weld County, Colorado
State Whitetail O-K-36HNB (200' FSL, 2546' FEL) State Whitetail 34-31-36HNB (220' FSL, 2547' FEL),
State Whitetail A3-36 (240' FSL, 2547' FEL), State Whitetail A4-36 (260' FSL, 2547' FEL),
State Whitetail A5-36 (280' FSL, 2548' FEL), State Whitetail A6-36 (300' FSL, 2548' FEL),
State Whitetail A7-36 (320' FSL, 2549' FEL)

Director Lepore:

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

Sincerely,

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