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State of Colorado, Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Attn: Matt Lepore
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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Re: **Letter to the Director, Rule 318A.m.**
Becker Ranch 5J-443
NWNW, Section 5, T3N, R64W
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Per rule 318A.m., PDC Energy, Inc. ("PDC") is requesting an exception to the rule for the above-captioned well. The proposed well will be less than 150' to Becker 5-7 (API #123-13764, NWNW), Becker 5-9 (API #123-16952, SWNW), Becker 5-8 (API #123-13839, NWSW), and Becker 5-14 (API #123-18180, SWSW) which are located in Sec 5 T3N R64W and operated by PDC. Since the encroached wells are operated by the same operator as the proposed well, no other waivers are needed.

Proposed Anti-Collision Mitigation BMP:

Prior to drilling operations, Operator will perform an anti-collision scan of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision scan will include definitive MWD or gyro surveys of the offset wells with included error of uncertainty per survey instrument, and compared against the proposed wellpath with its respective error of uncertainty. If current surveys do not exist for the offset wells, Operator may have gyro surveys conducted to verify bottomhole location. The proposed well will only be drilled if the anti-collision scan results indicate that there is not a risk for collision, or harm to people or the environment. For the proposed well, upon conclusion of drilling operations, an as-constructed gyro survey will be submitted to COGCC with the Form 5.

Due to the reasons above, PDC respectfully requests that you approve this request. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 303-860-5800 or at Julie.webb@pdce.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Webb".

Julie Webb
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