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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission
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Attn: Matthew Lepore, Director

**RE: Request to the Director for a Rule 502.b Variance
Rule 603.a.1 Proposed wells less than 200' from road**

North Platte 24-34 Pad SESW Sec. 34, T5N, R63W, 6th PM, Weld County, Colorado
Ex. North Platte 33-34 (124' FSL, 2251' FWL), Ex. North Platte 34-34 (115' FSL, 2262' FWL)
North Platte J24-F21-34HNC (102' FSL, 2278' FWL), North Platte 24-21-34HC (89' FSL, 2294' FWL),
North Platte 24-21-34HNB (76' FSL, 2309' FWL), North Platte O24-K21-34HNC (64' FSL, 2324' FWL),
North Platte O-K-34HC (51' FSL, 2340' FWL), North Platte O-K-34HNB (38' FSL, 2355' FWL)

Mr. Lepore:

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. ("Bonanza") intends to drill and produce the above referenced Niobrara and Codell Formation horizontal oil and gas wells, to be located as described above. The subject well location contains two existing wells drilled prior to the rule revision. North Platte 33-34 and North Platte 34-34 wells are oriented in a line parallel to County Road 380, at a distance of approximately 170' southwest from the road. Bonanza has proposed the referenced additional wells to be located in a manner that continues the line of wells already drilled. This arrangement would allow for more efficient use of the land and minimize the construction disturbance necessary to drill and produce the wells. Bonanza is unable to further expand the location beyond the plan submitted due to the presence of wetlands swales running predominantly east-west and bordering the location to the north and south. In order to build the additional production facilities planned for the site, and maintain the proper safety setbacks from the wellhead to the tanks and tanks to fired equipment, the line of wells running ~170' parallel to CR 380 needs to be extended. Additionally, avoiding an offset of approximately 30 ft in the line of wells would result in a more aesthetically pleasing location to the landowner and neighbors.

Bonanza respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve a variance to 603.a.1 with respect to the referenced proposed wells.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC.
BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Keith S. Caplan'.

Keith S. Caplan
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