

April 2, 2015

Mr. Matt Lepore, Director
Colorado Oil and Gas Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Exception Location Request to Rule 318 (a)
WPXENERGY
GM 704-32-9-HMB2
NENE, Section 4-T7S-R96W
Garfield County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Lepore:

WPXENERGY is requesting an exception location due to "distance to nearest well" violation for the proposed GM 704-32-9-HMB2. This wellbore is a horizontal Mancos test located on Fee Surface and Federal Minerals; Lease COC24603 comprised of 2221 acres.

This is the same lease on which WPXENERGY drilled a vertical Niobrara well, GM 743-4 (API No. 05-045-20912) in 2011. Based on the "map view" this wellbore is 633' from the proposed horizontal Mancos location. The proposed horizontal wellbore will pass closer than 1200' to the existing GM 743-4 vertical Mancos/Niobrara well, which is a violation of COGCC Rule 318 (a).

A signed "Waiver of Objection to Exception Location" from all mineral owners has also been submitted with the APD application.

WPXENERGY is requesting an exception location be granted for this situation.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at my contact information below.

Sincerely,



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