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December 17, 2015

State of Colorado  
Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
Attn: Matt Lepore  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: **Rule 603.a.(2)**  
Rio-LA 1S67W6E Pad, NWNW Sec. 6 T1S R67W, Adams County, Colorado  
Wells: Rio-LA 6E-234 (doc #400956211), Rio-LA 6E-304 (doc #400956274), Rio-LA 6F-204 (doc #400956302), Rio-LA 6F-314 (doc #400956376), Rio-LA 6F-334 (doc #400956406), Rio-LA 6F-414 (doc #400956442), Rio-LA 6F-434 (doc #400956531)

Dear Director:

PDC Energy, Inc. ("PDC") is respectfully requesting a 306.d.(1)A.ii exception to Rule 603.a.(2) for the above-captioned wells.

**Rule 603.a.(2). Statewide location requirements**

A well shall be drilled a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet from a surface property line. An exception may be granted by the Director if it is not feasible for the operator to meet this minimum distance requirement and a waiver is obtained from the offset surface owner. An exception request letter stating the reasons for the exception shall be submitted to the Director and accompanied by a signed waiver(s) from the offset owner(s). Such waiver shall be written and filed in the County Clerk and Records office and with the Director.

The proposed location is the best to drill horizontal wells with sufficient lateral length in the producible zone of our lease and build sufficient production facilities on location. This location is also strongly preferred by both the surface owner and offset surface owner.

We respectfully request that you approve this waiver to reduce the impact on surface operations. Attached is the surface location waiver.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 303-860-5800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelsi Welch".

Kelsi Welch  
Regulatory Analyst  
PDC Energy, Inc.