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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203  
Attn: Mr. Matt Lepore, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for 317.s. Statewide Fracture Stimulation Setback Exception**  
Wells Ranch State AA3-725, Doc # 400939965  
SE/4SE/4 Section 21, Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

The lateral path of NEI's proposed horizontal well will be less than the 150' minimum distance from another well(s) as required by Rule 317.s. (see wells listed below). NEI is not the Operator of the encroached upon well, therefore attached please find a signed consent. Please see Noble's Anti-Collision Mitigation BMP noted below.

**Wells Ranch State 42-28**

API No. 05-123-05-123-30974

Operator: **PDC Energy, Inc.**

SE/4NE/4 Section 28 Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

**Anti-collision:**

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.

Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

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