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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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RE: **Request for Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A.a and 318A.c)**

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| Schneider HD 11-259HNX | <b>Doc# 401199147</b> | Schneider HD 11-342HNX | <b>Doc# 401199170</b> |
| Schneider HD 11-299HNX | <b>Doc# 401199155</b> | Schneider HD 11-382HNX | <b>Doc# 401221347</b> |

SWSW Section 7  
Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Adams County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Great Western Operating Company, LLC is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Codell & Niobrara formations.

The surface location of Great Western's proposed wells has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. Rule 318A.a of the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission's Rules and Regulations requires wells to be drilled and completed in a square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any quarter/quarter section or in the center of any quarter section with the four sides being eight hundred (800) feet in length. The location is being permitted as an exception location. This location is a good location to both reduce the impact on the surface owner and to increase the number of wells reachable from one well pad to minimize surface disturbance. The exception location waiver for rule 318A.a and the twinning waiver for rule 318A.c. are included in the attached surface use agreement.

Rule 318A.c of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rules and Regulations requiring the wells drilled greater than 50 feet from a well unless safety or mechanical consideration of the well to be twinned or topographical or surface constrains justify a location greater than 50 feet the operator shall provide consent to the exception signed by the surface owner on which the well is proposed to be located in order for the Director to approve the well location.

Great Western Operating Company, LLC respectfully request that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waiver and Application for Permit to Drill the above captioned wells.

Respectfully,

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