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April 27, 2017

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 Rule 317.s. Statewide Fracture Stimulation Setback Exception**  
Wells Ranch BB09-639, Doc # 401231386  
SW/4SW/4 Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

The lateral path of Noble Energy, Inc.'s (NEI) proposed horizontal well will be stimulated less than the 150' minimum distance from another well as required by Rule 317.s. (see well listed below). NEI is not the Operator of the encroached upon well, therefore attached please find a signed consent from the Offset Operator.

**Wells Ranch 13-10**

API No. 05-123-**25912**

Operator: **PDC**

NW/4SW/4 Section 10 Township 5 North, Range 63  
West, 6th P.M.

**Wells Ranch 23-10**

API No. 05-123-**25913**

Operator: **PDC**

NE/4SW/4 Section 10 Township 5 North, Range 63  
West, 6th P.M.

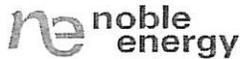
NEI respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location Application for Permit to Drill the captioned well.

Respectfully,

Justin Garrett  
Regulatory Analyst II

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April 20, 2017

PDC Energy, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Josh Wagner  
1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Statewide Fracture Stimulation Setback Consent – COGCC Rule 317(s)  
Wells Ranch BB09-639 Horizontal Well  
Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 11: SW/4SW/4  
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble") plans to drill the Wells Ranch BB09-639 Horizontal Well (the "Well"), with a wellbore lateral as depicted on the enclosed plat.

Our records indicate that PDC Energy, Inc. operates the following well(s) which are located within 150' from our proposed horizontal wellbore lateral:

Wells Ranch 13-10, API# 123-25912 – located 49 feet from the proposed subject well  
Wells Ranch 23-10, API# 123-25913 – located 166 feet from the proposed subject well

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") Rule 317(s) provides that no portion of a proposed wellbore's treated interval shall be located less than one hundred fifty (150') feet from any existing or permitted oil or gas wellbore, but this requirement may be waived in writing by the operator of the encroached upon well.

Noble respectfully requests that PDC Energy, Inc. consent to this requirement and allow Noble to drill the Well as proposed. Accordingly, by executing this letter, PDC Energy, Inc. consents to COGCC Rule 317(s) and grants its consent to allow Noble to drill the Well within the 150' minimum intra-well distance provided for in said rule.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call me at (303) 228-4209

Very truly yours,  
NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Otness'.

Matthew Otness  
Landman

Enclosures

PDC Energy, Inc.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caleb A. Ring'.

Printed Name:

Caleb A. Ring

Title:

Non-Op Engineer

Date:

04/27/2017