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Director Matt Lepore
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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RE: Request For Expedited Permit Application Approval

Mr. Lepore:

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC (Bonanza Creek) requests expedited approval of a previous existing location permit and associated well permit. The State Longhorn 41-12 Pad and State Longhorn V41-21-11XRLNB permit applications were initially approved on March 1, 2017. Following a multitude of negotiations with the surface owner and the COGCC regarding area development, Bonanza Creek worked with the COGCC to permit an alternate location. As a condition of approval for this location the permits for the State Longhorn 41-12 had to be rescinded. While the Longhorn 14-11 location remains active, negotiations with the surface owner are still being worked out. Bonanza Creek fears that negotiations could extend beyond the date required to begin construction on the Longhorn 14-11 pad and thereby forfeit possession of the mineral lease.

Bonanza Creek respectfully requests expedited approval of the State Longhorn 41-12 pad and associated well as an emergency alternative to the Longhorn 14-11 Pad. Due to an executed surface use agreement already in place for the State Longhorn 41-12 pad, Bonanza Creek can begin construction within the required timeframe and secure the mineral lease.

As indicated in COGCC Rule 303.i.(1), Bonanza Creek requires expedited approval of the State Longhorn 41-12 pad and associated well. Without this approval, Bonanza Creek could forfeit the mineral lease, which would result in significant investment loss.

Bonanza Creek appreciates your cooperation in this effort. If you have any questions, please contact me at 720-225-6653.

Sincerely,

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC

Brian Dodek, P.G.
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