

January 18, 2018

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Attn: Mr. Matt Lepore, Director

RE: Exception Location Request to Rule 318A.a – GWA Drilling Window

Exception Location Request to Rule 603.a.(2) – Property Line

DeHaan North Pad (Form 2A Doc #: 401515559)

Township 7 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

NWNW of Section 17: 1192' FNL, 833' FWL (Form 2A Reference Point)

Weld County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Lepore,

Please let this letter serve as a request for administrative approval of a Rule 318A.a and Rule 603.a.(2) exception location. Nickel Road Operating LLC (NRO) proposes to place all of the wells listed below at a location outside of the Greater Wattenberg Area (GWA) drilling window as required per Rule 318A.a. The wells denoted in **red** below have been placed at a location closer to a surface property line than 150' as required per Rule 603.a.(2):

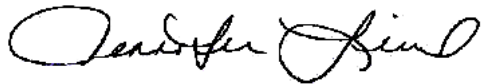
Well Name	Form 2 Doc #	Distance from Property Line
DEHAAN 1X-HNB-16-07-65	401515522	148' SW
DEHAAN 1X-HNC-16-07-65	401515524	148' SW
DEHAAN 1X-HC-16-07-65	401515525	148' SW
DEHAAN 2X-HNB-16-07-65	401515526	147' SW
DEHAAN 2X-HNC-16-07-65	401515527	147' SW
DEHAAN 2X-HC-16-07-65	401515528	146' SW
DEHAAN 3X-HNB-16-07-65	401515529	> 150'
DEHAAN 3X-HNC-16-07-65	401515539	> 150'
DEHAAN 3X-HC-16-07-65	401515542	> 150'
DEHAAN 4X-HNB-16-07-65	401515548	> 150'
DEHAAN 4X-HNC-16-07-65	401515553	> 150'
DEHAAN 4X-HC-16-07-65	401515555	> 150'

The pad has been located outside of the GWA window at the request of the surface owner as the proposed location lessens surface area disturbance on the property. The surface owner at the pad location is the same as the encroached upon surface owner and therefore agrees to the location as sited nearer the property lines than 150'. The surface owner has waived the Rule 318A.a. and

603.a.(2) location requirements, signed waivers attached. NRO respectfully requests the review and approval of this Rule 318A.a. and Rule 603.a.(2) exception location.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 303-406-1117 or jen@jenlindllc.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Lind". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" and last name "Lind" clearly distinguishable.

on behalf of Nickel Road Operating LLC

Jennifer Lind
Regulatory Specialist
Jennifer Lind LLC