

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 South Pad (Form 2A Doc #: 401515579)
Township 7 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
SWSW of Section 17: 1129' FSL, 540' 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):

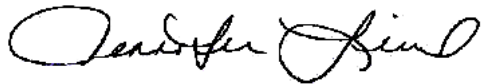
Well Name	Form 2 Doc #	Distance from Property Line
DEHAAN 5X-HNB-16-07-65	401515566	91'
DEHAAN 5X-HNC-16-07-65	401515568	114'
DEHAAN 5X-HC-16-07-65	401515569	138'
DEHAAN 6X-HNB-16-07-65	401515570	> 150'
DEHAAN 6X-HNC-16-07-65	401515571	> 150'
DEHAAN 6X-HC-16-07-65	401515572	> 150'
DEHAAN 7X-HNB-16-07-65	401515573	> 150'
DEHAAN 7X-HNC-16-07-65	401515574	> 150'
DEHAAN 7X-HC-16-07-65	401515575	134'
DEHAAN 8X-HNB-16-07-65	401515576	110'
DEHAAN 8X-HNC-16-07-65	401515577	87'
DEHAAN 8X-HC-16-07-65	401515578	63'

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