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State of Colorado, Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Attn: Director
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

Re: **Rules 318A.a. and 318A.c. Exception Location Request**
Bernhardt 4-18 Pad, W2NWNW, N2SWNW, Sec. 18, T4N-R66W, Weld County, Colorado
Wells: Bernhardt 5-01C-14-L (Doc 402347992),
Bernhardt 5-02N-14B-L (Doc 402348001)
Bernhardt 5-03N-14C-L (Doc 402348005)
Bernhardt 5-04N-14A-L (Doc 402348014)
Bernhardt 5-05C-14-L (Doc 402348032)
Bernhardt 5-06N-14C-L (Doc 402348039)
Bernhardt 5-07N-14A-L (Doc 402348070)
Bernhardt 5-08C-14-L (Doc 402348084)
Bernhardt 5-09N-14B-L (Doc 402348091)
Bernhardt 5-10N-14C-L (Doc 402348098)
Bernhardt 5-11C-14-L (Doc 402348109)

Dear Director:

PDC Energy, Inc. ("PDC") is requesting an exception to Rule 318A.a. and Rule 318A.c. for the above-captioned well(s).

The location(s) are planned outside of a GWA window and are not within 50' of an existing well. This location is favorable in order to drill horizontal wells with sufficient lateral length in the producible zone and build sufficient production facilities on location.

The SUA waives these exceptions for 318A.a and 318A.c and no separate waivers are required. We respectfully request the approval of this exception to reduce impact on surface operations.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (303) 831-3931.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ally Ota".

Ally Ota
Regulatory Analyst
PDC Energy, Inc