



**Out of Window & Twinning Surface Location Exception Request
Rule 318A.a & Rule 318A.c**

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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Request for Surface Location Exception (318A.a, 318A.c)

Well Name	Document #
Prairie LE 17-021HN	402391694
Prairie LE 17-022HN	402391695
Prairie LE 18-031HC	402391696
Prairie LE 18-039HC	402391700
Prairie LE 18-040HNX	402391698
Prairie LE 31-369HC	401872019

Prairie LE Pad
Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.
Section 20: S 1/2 SW 1/4
Adams County, Colorado

Dear Director,

Great Western Operating Company, LLC (“Great Western”) plans to drill oil and gas wells from the above-described surface locations.

Rule 318A.a of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) Rules and Regulations requires that wells drilled within the Greater Wattenberg Area (“GWA”) be drilled in a square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter/quarter section (“400’ window”); or a square with sides eight hundred (800) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter section (“800’ window”). The above referenced wells are proposed at a surface location outside a legal drilling window as defined by Rule 318A.a. These wells were located outside of the GWA window due to a negotiated SUA with the surface owner. Great Western has obtained written permission from the surface owner by way of signed waiver.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rule 318A.c. (2) states that, “when an operator is requesting a surface well location greater than fifty feet (50’) from a well. . .the operator shall provide a consent to the exception signed by the surface owner on which the well is proposed to be located in order for the Director to approve the well location administratively.” The planned surface locations are greater than 50’ from an existing well due a request by the surface owner through a negotiated SUA.

Great Western respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location. The surface owner acknowledges and agrees with the staked surface location of the well. The surface owner has waived Rule 318A.a and Rule 318A.c in the Surface Use Agreement on page 13 section 6.15 (B).

Respectfully,

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