

November 17, 2016

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 80203
Attn: Mr. Matt Lepore, Director

RE: **Request to the Director for Rule 604.b. Exception Location**
Haffner 41-23, Loc ID 311651
Section 23: NE/4NE/4 Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Noble Energy, Inc. respectfully requests the Director to grant an exception to setback distance requirements set forth in Rule 604, as this particular location is within a Designated Setback Location solely as a result of the adoption of Rule 604.a.. Noble will implement site specific mitigation measures on the Form 2 or Form 2A sufficient to eliminate, minimize or mitigate potential adverse impacts to public health, safety, welfare, the environment, and wildlife to the maximum extent technically feasible and economically practicable. This location does currently and will continue to comply with all other safety requirements set forth in the COGCC rules and regulations.

- (1) **Existing Oil and Gas Location.** The Director may grant an exception to setback distance requirements set forth in Rule 604 within a Designated Setback Location when a Well or Production Facility is proposed to be added to an existing or approved Oil and Gas Location if the Director determines alternative locations outside the applicable setback are technically or economically impracticable; mitigation measures imposed in the Form 2 or Form 2A will eliminate, minimize or mitigate noise, odors, light, dust, and similar nuisance conditions to the extent reasonably achievable; the proposed location complies with all other safety requirements of these Commission Rules; and
- A. An existing or approved Oil and Gas Location is within a Designated Setback Location solely as a result of the adoption of Rule 604.a., which established the Designated Setback Locations; or
 - B. The Oil and Gas Location is located within a Designated Setback Location solely as a result of Building Units constructed after the Oil and Gas Location was approved by the Director.

Noise Mitigation:

- A baseline sound survey will be completed at the residence(s) located 490 feet north east of the Haffner 41-23 well. Engineered sound walls around the recompleting rig will be used, as applicable based on the noise survey findings.

Traffic Control:

- Recompleting operations – The recompleting rig will access the well from the north a county road 20. Dust suppression will be used on county road and temporary access road, if needed. Dust suppression could include a combination of water, magnesium chloride, or calcium chloride. Limited traffic speed could also be used for dust mitigation.
- Permanent operations - Production of the location will use the existing access road, located directly off of Weld County Road 20.

Planning:

- Lighting on location is considered temporary and will be used during recompleting activities. Permanent lighting will not be installed and utilized during normal production operations. Temporary lighting will be directed downward, inward, and shielded towards location to avoid glare on public roads and Building Units within 1,000 feet. Lighting will be turned off when practical, i.e., no operations being conducted.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Noble respectfully requests that the COGCC review and approve the requested exception.

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Respectfully,

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