

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

1. **Drill,** Deepen, Re-enter, Recomplete and Operate

2. TYPE OF WELL

OIL GAS COALBED OTHER _____

SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE COMMINGLE

Refiling
Sidetrack

Document Number:
400190380

PluggingBond SuretyID
20030009

3. Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC 4. COGCC Operator Number: 100322

5. Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

6. Contact Name: MARI CLARK Phone: (303)228-4413 Fax: (303)228-4286
Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: WELLS RANCH AA Well Number: 26-67-1HN

8. Unit Name (if appl): _____ Unit Number: _____

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11096

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: NWNW Sec: 25 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 40.461750 Longitude: -104.394080

Footage at Surface: 1091 feet FNL 147 feet FWL

11. Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4819 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:
Date of Measurement: 07/12/2011 PDOP Reading: 2.1 Instrument Operator's Name: BRIAN BRINKMAN

15. If well is Directional Horizontal (highly deviated) **submit deviated drilling plan.**

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL

1555 FNL 755 FEL 1550 FNL 535 FWL

Sec: 26 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 26 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W

16. Is location in a high density area? (Rule 603b)? Yes No

17. Distance to the nearest building, public road, above ground utility or railroad: 5281 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 147 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 300 ft

LEASE, SPACING AND POOLING INFORMATION

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
NIOBRARA	NBRR	407-87	320	GWA

21. Mineral Ownership: Fee State Federal Indian Lease #: _____

22. Surface Ownership: Fee State Federal Indian

23. Is the Surface Owner also the Mineral Owner? Yes No Surface Surety ID#: _____

23a. If 23 is Yes: Is the Surface Owner(s) signature on the lease? Yes No

23b. If 23 is No: Surface Owners Agreement Attached or \$25,000 Blanket Surface Bond \$2,000 Surface Bond \$5,000 Surface Bond

24. Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format enter entire mineral lease description upon which this proposed wellsite is located (attach separate sheet/map if you prefer):

T6N, R63W, SECTION 26: ALL,

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 535 ft 26. Total Acres in Lease: 640

DRILLING PLANS AND PROCEDURES

27. Is H2S anticipated? Yes No If Yes, attach contingency plan.

28. Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? Yes No

29. Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS CL) or oil based muds be used during drilling? Yes No

30. If questions 28 or 29 are yes, is this location in a sensitive area (Rule 901.e)? Yes No

31. Mud disposal: Offsite Onsite

If 28, 29, or 30 are "Yes" a pit permit may be required.

Method: Land Farming Land Spreading Disposal Facility Other: _____

Note: The use of an earthen pit for Recompletion fluids requires a pit permit (Rule 905b). If air/gas drilling, notify local fire officials.

Casing Type	Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Wt/Ft	Csg/Liner Top	Setting Depth	Sacks Cmt	Cmt Btm	Cmt Top
CONDUCTOR	18+1/2	16+0/0		0	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	500	269	500	0
1ST	8+3/4	7+0/0	26	0	7,093	975	7,093	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	5881	11,096		11,096	

32. BOP Equipment Type: Annular Preventer Double Ram Rotating Head None

33. Comments 1ST STRING TOP OF CEMENT = 200' ABOVE NIOBRARA. THE PRODUCTION LINER WILL BE HUNG OFF INSIDE 7" CASING. UNIT CONFIGURATION = N/2 OF SECTION 26. WELL IS TO BE TWINNED WITH PROPOSED WELLS RANCH AA26-69HN AND WELLS RANCH AA26-68-1HN CREATING A 3 WELL PAD. NOBLE ENERGY INC. CERTIFIES THAT THE LEASES SHALL BE COMMITTED TO THE UNIT. NEAREST BUILDING, PUBLIC ROAD, ABOVE GROUND UTILITY & RAILROAD ARE ALL GREATER THAN 1 MILE. Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window and will be located more than 50' from an existing well location. Noble requests an exception location to 318Aa, 318Ac: Exception request and waiver attached. Noble requests approval of a Rule 603.a.(2) exception location: Wellhead is to be located less than 150' from a property line. Exception request and waiver attached.

34. Location ID: _____

35. Is this application in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan ? Yes No

36. Is this application part of submitted Oil and Gas Location Assessment ? Yes No

I hereby certify all statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Signed: _____ Print Name: MARI CLARK

Title: REG. ANALYST II Date: 9/19/2011 Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: David S. Neslin Director of COGCC Date: 10/12/2011

API NUMBER
05 123 34527 00

Permit Number: _____ Expiration Date: 10/11/2013

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in the Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for this Form 2 Permit-to-Drill and are enforceable to the same extent as all other representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Permit-to-Drill.

- 1) Provide 24 hour notice of MIRU to Jim Precup at 303-469-1902 or e-mail at james.precup@state.co.us .
- 2) Provide cement coverage from base of intermediate casing to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.
- 3) Run and submit Directional Survey from TD to base of surface casing. Ensure that the wellbore complies with setback requirements in commission orders or rules prior to producing the well.

1. At least seven (7) days prior to fracture stimulation, the operator is to notify all operators of non-operated wells within 300 feet of the wellbore to be fracture stimulated of the anticipated date stimulation date and the recommended best management practice to shut-in all wells within 300' of the stimulated wellbore completed in the same formation.
2. The operator will monitor the bradenhead pressure of all wells within 300 feet of the well to be fracture stimulated.
3. Bradenhead pressure gauges are to be installed 24 hours prior to stimulation. The gauges are to read at least once during every 24-hour period until 24-hours after stimulation is completed (post flowback). The gauges are to be of the type able to read current pressure and record the maximum encountered pressure in a 24-hour period. The gauge is to be reset between each 24-hour period. The pressures are to be recorded and saved.
4. If at any time during stimulation or the 24-hour post-stimulation period, the bradenhead annulus pressure of the treatment well or offset wells increases more than 200 psig, as per Rule 341, the operator of the well being stimulated shall verbally notify the Director as soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the incident. Within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notice, Form 4, giving all details, including corrective actions taken.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
400190380	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400206421	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400206422	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400206426	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400206428	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400206432	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400206435	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400206461	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 8 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	No LGD or public comment received; final review completed.	10/11/2011 7:12:03 AM
Permit	Lease description recieved.	9/20/2011 12:22:33 PM
Permit	On hold waiting for complete lease description.	9/20/2011 5:45:35 AM

Total: 3 comment(s)

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General Housekeeping	Housekeeping will consist of neat and orderly storage of materials and fluids. Wastes will be temporarily stored in sealed containers and regularly collected and disposed of at offsite, suitable facilities. If spills occur prompt cleanup is required to minimize any commingling of waste materials with stormwater runoff. Routine maintenance will be limited to fueling and lubrication of equipment. Drip pans will be used during routine fueling and maintenance to contain spills or leaks. Any waste product from maintenance will be containerized and transported offsite for disposal or recycling. There will be no major equipment overhauls conducted onsite. Equipment will be transported offsite for major overhauls. Cleanup of trash and discarded materials will be conducted at the end of each work day. Cleanup will consist of patrolling the roadway, access areas, and other work areas to pickup trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
Storm Water/Erosion Control	Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil & Gas development throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) General Permit No. COR-038637. BMP's will be constructed around the perimeter of the site prior to, or at the beginning of construction. BMP's used will vary according to the location, and will remain in place until the pad reaches final reclamation.
Material Handling and Spill Prevention	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil & Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.

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