

Hilcorp Energy Company  
**State of Colorado 14-9-16CH**  
SHL: 140' FSL 690' FWL (SW/4 SW/4)  
Sec. 9 T3N R62W  
BHL: ±600' FSL ±600' FWL (SW/4 SW/4)  
Sec. 16 T3N R62W  
Weld County, Colorado  
Surface: Fee  
SHL State Mineral Lease: ST-7873.3  
BHL State Mineral Lease: ST-7972.4

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**DRILLING PLAN**

Please contact Mr. John McKnight with Hilcorp at 713-289-2755, if there are any questions or concerns regarding this Drilling Program.

**WELL OBJECTIVES**

- (1) Drill and case each wellbore with no health, safety, or environmental impact.
- (2) Optimize drilling efficiency by utilizing best drilling practices and input from entire drill team.  
Communicate best practices to Hilcorp so they can be included in the design of future wellbores.

**SURFACE ELEVATION** – 4,631' (Un-graded ground elevation)

**SURFACE FORMATION** – Parkman

**ESTIMATED FORMATION TOPS (PILOT HOLE)**

	<b>TVD</b>	<b>MD</b>	
Parkman	0'	0'	
Sussex	3,945'	3,945'	
Niobrara	6,134'	6,216'	Water, Oil & Gas
Niobrara B	6,291'	6,683'	Water, Oil & Gas
<b>Total Depth</b>	<b>6,575'</b>	<b>10,829'</b>	

*All fresh water and prospectively valuable minerals encountered during drilling will be recorded by depth and protected.*

**HORIZONTAL DRILLING PROGRAM**

- A) Kick-Off-Point (KOP) is estimated to be at 5,575' TVD.
- B) The horizontal portion of the well will kick off at 5,575' TVD, the curve and lateral will be drilled, and production casing will run the distance of the horizontal leg +/- 10,829'.

CASING PROGRAM

Total Measured Depth (MD)	Hole Diameter	Casing Diameter	Casing Weight And Grade	Cement
0' - 40'	24"	20"	Conductor Casing	Redimix to surface
Surface 0' - 2,000'	13-1/2"	10-3/4"	K-55 40.5 lbm/ft	Lead: +/- 455 sks Swiftcem B2 Tail +/- 215 sks Swiftcem B2*
Horizontal Production 0' - 10,829'	8-1/2"	5-1/2"	HCP 110 20 lbm/ft	Lead +/- 1080 sks Expandacem**

\* Cement volume calculated based on gauge hole plus 100%.

\*\* Cement volume calculated based on gauge hole plus 35%.

Yields:	Surface:	Lead:	Swiftcem B2 =	2.42 ft <sup>3</sup> /sk (12.0 ppg) 14.36 gal/sk
		Tail:	Swiftcem B2 =	1.72 ft <sup>3</sup> /sk (13.5 ppg) 9.09 gal/sk
	Production:	Lead:	Extendacem =	1.67 ft <sup>3</sup> /sk (13.8 ppg) 7.75 gal/sk

PRESSURE CONTROL

- See attached blowout preventer diagram.

BOPs and choke manifold will be installed and pressure tested before drilling out of surface casing (subsequent pressure test will be performed whenever pressure seals are broken), and then will be checked daily as to mechanical operating condition. BOPs will be pressure tested at least once every 30 days. Ram type preventers and related pressure control equipment will be pressure tested to related working pressure of the stack assembly if a test plug is used. If a plug is not used, the stack assembly will be tested to the rated working pressure of the stack assembly or 70% of the minimum internal yield of the casing, whichever is less. Annular type preventers will be pressure tested to 50% of their working pressure. All casing strings will be pressure tested to 0.22 psi/ft or 1,500 psi, whichever is greater, not to exceed 70% of the internal yield. If a 5M system or greater is used, the casing shoe will be tested by drilling 5-20' out from under the shoe and pressure tested to a maximum expected mud weight equivalent as shown in the mud program listed below.

A manual locking device (i.e. hand wheels) or automatic locking devices shall be installed on the BOP stack. Remote controls capable of both opening and closing all preventers shall be readily accessible to the driller.

The choke manifold and accumulator will meet or exceed Onshore Order No. 2 (OSO #2) standards. The BOP equipment will be tested after any repairs to the equipment. Pipe rams, blind rams and annular preventer will be activated on each trip and weekly BOP drills will be conducted with each crew. All tests, maintenance, and BOP drills will be documented on rig "tower sheets".

Statement of Accumulator System and Location of Hydraulic Controls

*The drilling rig has not been selected for this well. Selection will take place after approval of this application is granted. Manual and/or hydraulic controls will be in compliance with OSO #2 for 5,000 psi system.*

*A remote accumulator will be used. Pressures, capacities, location of remote hydraulic and manual controls will be identified at a later time.*

MUD PROGRAM

0' - 2,000'	Spud Mud w/ LCM material, if necessary M.W.: <9.0 ppg
2,000' - TD	Water Based Mud w/ calcium carbonate, barium sulfate, and LCM material, if necessary M.W.: <9.0 ppg

*Sufficient mud materials to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and to contain a "kick" will be available on location.*

AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

- A. Upper Kelly cock; lower Kelly cock will be installed while drilling and tested with 5,000 psi BOP.
- B. Inside BOP or stabbing valve with handle (available on rig floor).
- C. Safety valve(s) and subs to fit all string connections in use.
- D. Mud monitoring will be with a flow sensor, pit level indicator, and visually observation.

LOGGING, CORING TESTING PROGRAM

- A. Gamma Ray, Resistivity, Neutron/Density Porosity, Quad combo, Crossed Dipole Sonic.
- B. Coring: Possible 200' core.
- C. Testing: None planned – Drill Stem tests may be run on shows of interest.

ABNORMAL CONDITIONS

- A. Pressures: No abnormal conditions are anticipated.  
Anticipated BHP gradient: 0.45 psi/ft
- B. Temperatures: No abnormal conditions are anticipated.
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S: None Anticipated.
- D. Estimated bottomhole pressure: 2,959 psi

ANTICIPATED START DATE

May 1, 2012