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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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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 ☐

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

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7. Well Name: WELLS RANCH AE Well Number: 18-68-1HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 10963

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: NWNW Sec: 18 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.491150 Longitude: -104.374560

Footage at Surface: 980 feet FNL 215 feet FEL/FWL  
FNL/FSL FWL

11. Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4849 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 02/17/2012 PDOP Reading: 1.9 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  
981 FNL 869 FWL 990 FNL 535 FEL  
Sec: 18 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Sec: 18 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W

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: 4350 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 215 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 248 ft

20. 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		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):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 0 ft

26. Total Acres in Lease: 589

### 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	550	276	550	0
1ST	8+3/4	7+0/0	26	0	6,965	487	6,965	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6778	10,963			

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 = SEC. 18: N/2. WELL IS TO BE TWINNED WITH PROPOSED WELLS RANCH AE69-1HN, 67-1HN, 66-1HN CREATING A 4 WELL PAD. NOBLE ENERGY INC. CERTIFIES THAT THE LEASES SHALL BE COMMITTED TO THE UNIT. Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window. Operator requests an exception location to 318Aa. Noble operated Wells Ranch AE18-17 is approx. 240' feet from the proposed well & therefore a BMP for Pressure Monitoring during Fracturing Stimulation has been included AS "OTHER" ATTACHMENT.

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: 4/26/2012 Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

Operator must have a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use or purchased water from a seller that has a valid water right or permit allowing for industrial use, otherwise an application for a change in type of use is required under Colorado law. Operator must also use the water in the location set forth in the water right decree or well permit, otherwise an application for a change in place of use is required under Colorado law. Section 37-92-103(5), C.R.S. (2011).

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: 5/30/2012

API NUMBER

05 123 35674 00

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: 5/29/2014

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 48 hour notice prior to spud via electronic Form 42.
- 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.

Operator must meet water well sampling requirements as per Rule 318A.

### **Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name
2332703	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400258460	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400260749	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400276518	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400276519	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400276520	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400276521	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400276522	LEGAL/LEASE DESCRIPTION
400276523	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400276525	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400276528	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400277222	OTHER

Total Attach: 12 Files

### **General Comments**

<b><u>User Group</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Date</u></b>
Permit	Operator revised language in frac monitoring BMP.	5/29/2012 6:07:30 AM
Permit	No LGD or public comment received; final review completed.	5/21/2012 2:15:39 PM
Permit	Distance to lease line is 0 feet. Horizontal well crosses lease line.	5/21/2012 1:59:46 PM
Permit	This horizontal well comes within 300 feet or less of another active oil and gas well. Operator has provided the Frac monitoring BMP.	4/30/2012 6:38:27 AM
Permit	Changed distance to another well completed in the same formation to 660 feet to reflect the distance to proposed lateral wellbores being drilled from the same pad.	4/27/2012 3:10:01 PM
Permit	Operator requests approval of Rule 318Aa exception location: Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window. Waiver and exception request attached.	4/27/2012 2:58:51 PM

Total: 6 comment(s)

## BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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 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.
Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Horizontal Well</p> <p>Anti-collision:</p> <p>Prior to drilling operations, Operator will perform an anti-collision scan of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision scan will include definitive MWD or gyro surveys of the offset wells with included error of uncertainty per survey instrument, and compared against the proposed wellpath with its respective error of uncertainty. If current surveys do not exist for the offset wells, Operator may have gyro surveys conducted to verify bottomhole location. The proposed well will only be drilled if the anti-collision scan results indicate that there is not a risk for collision, or harm to people or the environment. For the proposed well, upon conclusion of drilling operations, an as-constructed gyro survey will be submitted to COGCC with the Form 5.</p> <p>During and Post stimulation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. The Operator will monitor the bradenhead pressure of all wells identified within 300 feet of the well to be fracture stimulated. All wells within 300 feet are operated by Noble Energy Inc.</li> <li>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. Alternate electronic measurement may be used to record the prescribed pressures. Data shall be kept for a period of one year.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

Total: 4 comment(s)