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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

Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: Wells Ranch USX Well Number: AA23-64-1HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11148

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: SWSW Sec: 24 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.467190 Longitude: -104.394230

Footage at Surface: 894 feet FSL 89 feet FWL

11. Field Name: Crow Creek Field Number: 13610

12. Ground Elevation: 4836 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 06/21/2012 PDOP Reading: 1.8 Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly

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 _____
1650 FSL 728 FEL 1650 FSL 535 FWL
Sec: 23 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 23 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: 4395 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 89 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 304 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):

T6N, R63W, SEC. 23: S/2 & OTHER LANDS & LEASES

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	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	570	270	570	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7,109	480	7,109	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6959	11,148			

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 OFFINSIDE 7" CASING. UNIT CONFIGURATION = S/2 OF SEC. 23. WELL IS TO BE TWINNED WITH PROPOSED WELLS RANCH USX AA23-64-63HN, AA23-63-1HN, and AA23-62-1HN. PLEASE SEE LOCATION ID #427153 FOR APPROVED FACILITY 2A. EXCEPTION LOCATION TO RULE 318A.a, and 318A.c REQUESTED AND ATTACHED. 603.a.(2).

34. Location ID: 428367

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: REGULATORY ANALYST II Date: 2/1/2013 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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 2/26/2013

API NUMBER **05 123 36882 00** Permit Number: _____ Expiration Date: 2/25/2015

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 of spud via electronic Form 42.
- 2) Set at least 570' of surface casing. Cement to surface.
- 3) Provide cement coverage to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.
- 4) 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 testing requirements per Rule 318A.

Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
2485509	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400346214	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400369255	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400376730	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400376731	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400376732	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400376733	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400376734	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400376735	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400376736	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 10 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	2/26/2013 9:47:46 AM
Engineer	Evaluated existing wells within 500' of proposed directional.	2/12/2013 2:22:47 PM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 603.a.(2) exception location: Wellhead is to be located less than 150' from a property line. Request letter and waivers attached.	2/11/2013 9:39:01 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Aa and Rule 318Ac exception location: Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window and will be located more than 50' from an existing well location. Request and waivers attached.	2/11/2013 9:39:00 AM
Permit	Initial review complete.	2/11/2013 9:38:58 AM

Total: 5 comment(s)

BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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>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: Noble Energy will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring during Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12.</p>
General Housekeeping	General 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 pick up 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) and 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.

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