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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

Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: WELLS RANCH USX AA Well Number: 23-68-1HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11053

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

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

Latitude: 40.476340 Longitude: -104.393600

Footage at Surface: 1072 feet FNL/FSL 220 feet FEL/FWL  
FNL FWL

11. Field Name: Wattenberg Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4793 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 06/21/2012 PDOP Reading: 1.5 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  
950 FNL 726 FEL 950 FNL 535 FWL  
Sec: 24 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: 1068 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 220 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 289 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: All. Horizontal well does not cross lease line within GWA horizontal wellbore unit.

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	585	290	585	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	6,995	480	6,995	0
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6845	11,053			0

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. This is a 3-well pad which includes: Wells Ranch PC USX AA23-69-1HN, Wells Ranch USX AA23-68-1HN and Wells Ranch USX AA23-67HN. UNIT CONFIGURATION = Sec 23: N/2. EXCEPTION LOCATION TO RULE 318A.a, and 318A.c REQUESTED AND ATTACHED. NEAREST WELL MEASURED = WELLS RANCH USX AA23-03.

34. Location ID: 428369

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: 3/28/2013 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: 4/25/2013

#### API NUMBER

05 123 37170 00

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: 4/24/2015

#### 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 prior to spud via electronic Form 42.
- 2) Provide cement coverage 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.

### **Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators**

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.

### **Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name
400346220	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400397391	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400397392	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400397393	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400397394	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400397400	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400397404	OFFSET WELL EVALUATION
400397410	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400397414	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400397415	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 10 Files

### **General Comments**

<b><u>User Group</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Date</u></b>
Final Review	at operator request, removed operator comment that no conductor casing will be used.	4/25/2013 11:26:11 AM
Permit	Final review completed. No LGD or public comments.	4/24/2013 8:58:35 AM
Engineer	No existing wells within 500' of proposed directional.	4/17/2013 3:14:07 PM

Total: 3 comment(s)

## BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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.
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>Anti-collision: 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 Inc. will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12.</p>

Total: 4 comment(s)