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State of Colorado

Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

☒ Drill ☐ Deepen ☐ Re-enter ☐ Recomplete and Operate

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER _____

Refiling ☐

Date Received:

10/21/2013

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: WELLS RANCH

Well Number: AE30-65-1HNC

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: MARI CLARK

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NWSW Sec: 29 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.455840

Longitude: -104.356170

Footage at Surface: 1978 feet FNL/FSL FSL 65 feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4757

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 08/01/2013 PDOP Reading: 1.5 Instrument Operator's Name: ADAM KELLY

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

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL 2314 FSL 735 FEL 2310 FSL 385 FEL 2310 FSL 385 FEL 2310
Sec: 30 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Sec: 25 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W

LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Surface Owner is: ☒ is the mineral owner beneath the location.

(check all that apply)

☒ is committed to an Oil and Gas Lease.

☒ has signed the Oil and Gas Lease.

☐ is the applicant.

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed by this Well: No

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____

LEASE INFORMATION

Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format, describe one entire mineral lease that will be produced by this well (Describe lease beneath surface location if produced. Attach separate description page or map if necessary.)

T6N, 662W, SEC. 30: N/2, SW/4

Total Acres in Described Lease: 478 Described Mineral Lease is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # _____

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 0 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 1246 Feet
Building Unit: 5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 5280 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 5280 Feet
Railroad: 5280 Feet
Property Line: 65 Feet

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of the Proposed Well to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.a.(5).
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a: ☐ Buffer Zone
☐ Exception Zone
☐ Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone – as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: _____

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: _____

SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Wellbore Permitted or Completed in the same formation: 97 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 735 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): _____ Unit Number: _____

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Distance to nearest existing or permitted well producing from same formation is the Wells Ranch USX AA25-65-1HN.
Proposed Spacing Unit configuration: S/2N/2, N/2S/2 Sec. 30, T6N, R62W, SE/4NE/4, NE/4SE/4 Sec. 25, T6N, R63W.

OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
NIOBRARA	NBRR		400	GWA

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11987 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 97 Feet (Including plugged wells)

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H₂S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H₂S Drilling Operations Plan)

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? No

Will salt based (>15,000 ppm Cl) drilling fluids be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

BOP Equipment Type: ☒ Annular Preventor ☒ Double Ram ☒ Rotating Head ☐ None

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Recycle/reuse

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: _____ or Document Number: 2614238

CASING PROGRAM

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	0	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	550	270	550	0
1ST	8+3/4	7+0/0	26	0	6977	470	6977	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6827	11987			

☐ Conductor Casing is NOT planned

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

GREATER WATTENBERG AREA LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Rule 318A.a. Exception Location (GWA Windows).
- ☒ Rule 318A.c. Exception Location (GWA Twinning).

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number _____

OTHER LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 318.c. Exception Location from Rule or Spacing Order Number _____
- ☒ Rule 603.a.(2) Exception Location (Property Line Setback).

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments 1st string top of cement = 200' above Niobrara. The production liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. Noble requests an exception to the intrawell distance requirement per Rule 318.A.m. Exception requests and waivers attached.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan _____ CDP #: _____

Location ID: _____

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? _____ Yes

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 III Date: 10/21/2013 Email: permitting@nobleenergyinc.co

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: 12/23/2013

Expiration Date: 12/22/2015

API NUMBER

05 123 38646 00

Conditions Of Approval

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.

COA Type

Description

- 1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU.
- 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from TD to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.
- 3) Comply with Rule 321. 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.

Best Management Practices

No	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	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.
2	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.
3	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.
4	Drilling/Completion Operations	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. 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.

Total: 4 comment(s)

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

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400476316	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400487461	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400487725	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400487726	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400487727	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400487729	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400497154	VARIANCE REQUEST
400497244	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
400497258	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400497268	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 10 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Final Review	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	12/20/2013 4:12:01 PM
Permit	ok to pass.	12/3/2013 11:37:44 AM
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.	12/3/2013 11:37:43 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Am exception location: Wellbore is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request and waivers attached.	12/3/2013 11:37:42 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.	12/3/2013 11:37:41 AM
Permit	This form passes completeness.	10/22/2013 8:33:52 AM

Total: 6 comment(s)