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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

Date Received:

10/31/2013

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER _____Refiling ☐ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: Wells Ranch

Well Number: AA35-62-1AHNC

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Julie Webb

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SWSW Sec: 36 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.437490

Longitude: -104.394110

Footage at Surface: 680 feet FNL/FSL FSL 178 feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4740

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 08/02/2013 PDOP Reading: 1.3 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 FSL 498 FSL 538 FEL 495 FSL 535 FWL
 Sec: 35 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 35 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W

LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☐ Fee ☒ State ☐ Federal ☐ IndianThe 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.)

All Sec 35, T6N, R63W

Total Acres in Described Lease: 640 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: 495 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 5280 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: 178 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: 100 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 495 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Proposed Spacing Unit configuration: S2S2 Sec 35, T6N, R63W. Distance to nearest well measured to Wells Ranch 14-35 via the Anti-Collision Report in the Deviated Drilling plan.

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 | | 160 | GWA |

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11159 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 100 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 | 100 | 6 | 100 | 0 |
| SURF | 13+3/4 | 9+5/8 | 36 | 0 | 550 | 270 | 550 | |
| 1ST | 8+3/4 | 7 | 26 | 0 | 6973 | 470 | 6973 | |
| 1ST LINER | 6+1/8 | 4+1/2 | 11.6 | 6823 | 11159 | | | |

☐ 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 7" casing string will be cemented to at least 200' above Niobrara, around 500' from surface. CBL will only be run in the vertical section of the wellbore.
Per rule 318Ae, the Operator requests the proposed spacing unit consisting of 160 acres, S2S2 of Sec 35 T6N R63W. Proposed spacing unit map and 30-day certificate is 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: Julie Webb

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 10/31/2013 Email: regulatorynotification@nobleen

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 38670 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 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

| <u>No</u> | <u>BMP/COA Type</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Drilling/Completion Operations | Noble Energy will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has established this Policy Regarding Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments ("Treatment") in the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") pursuant to COGCC 207.a. ("Policy"). This Policy applies to oil and gas operations in the GWA as defined by the COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure. |
| 2 | 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. |

Total: 2 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> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 400480309 | FORM 2 SUBMITTED |
| 400502578 | EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS |
| 400502590 | DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN |
| 400502594 | WELL LOCATION PLAT |
| 400502595 | DIRECTIONAL DATA |
| 400502619 | EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST |
| 400504212 | PROPOSED SPACING UNIT |
| 400504222 | VARIANCE REQUEST |
| 400504227 | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY |
| 400505418 | OffsetWellEvaluations Data |
| 400506194 | WAIVERS |

Total Attach: 11 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. | 12/23/2013 2:42:27 PM |
| Permit | Waiver for 318A.m from other operator is under Waivers. ok to pass. | 12/11/2013 9:11:30 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. | 12/11/2013 9:11:29 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. | 12/11/2013 9:11:27 AM |
| Permit | Passed completeness. | 11/4/2013 7:41:03 AM |
| Permit | Returned to draft: Missing 318m waivers for another operators well. | 11/1/2013 11:53:24 AM |

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