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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 ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: Neal

Well Number: LC35-738

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Justin Garrett

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SWSE Sec: 26 Twp: 9N Rng: 59W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.715610

Longitude: -103.941720

Footage at Surface: 460 feet FNL/FSL FSL 1731 feet FEL/FWL FEL

Field Name: WILDCAT

Field Number: 99999

Ground Elevation: 4848

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 07/24/2014 PDOP Reading: 1.6 Instrument Operator's Name: Brian Rottinghaus

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

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FNL 572 FNL 1867 FEL 810 FEL 1870 FEL
Sec: 35 Twp: 9N Rng: 59W Sec: 35 Twp: 9N Rng: 59W

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: Yes

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: oil and gas lease

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.)

T9N-R59W

Section 15: N/2, N/2SW/4 (400 acres)

Section 21: E/2NE/4 (80 acres)

Section 22: S/2, NW/4, W/2NE/4 (560 acres)

Section 23: SW/4 (160 acres)

Section 25: W/2 (320 acres)

Section 26: SW/4, S/2NW/4, SW/4NE/4, W/2SE/4 (360 acres)

Section 27: All (640 acres)

Section 28: NE/4, E/2NW/4, NW/4NW/4 (280 acres)

Section 34: N/2NW/4, SE/4NW/4 (120 acres)

Section 35: E/2SW/4, SE/4, E/2NE/4 (320 acres)

Total Acres in Described Lease: 3240 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: 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: 370 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 428 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: 150 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 810 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Unit configuration = T9N-R59W Sec 25, 26, 27, 34, 35: All
(Spacing Order allows for 300' setbacks)

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	535-480	3200	25,26,27,34,35:All

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 10275 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 150 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 609

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	26	16	0	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	6339	430	6339	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6189	10275			

☐ 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 535-480

☐ 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 is 200' above Niobrara. The production liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. Well is part of a five-well pad consisting of the proposed Kevin LC26-748, Kevin LC26-742, Neal LC35-738, Kevin LC26-735, Kevin LC26-728. The production facilities will be located at the proposed Kraig LC25-785 Multi. Noble Energy Inc. requests approval of a Rule 318.A.o. variance; wellhead lateral is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request attached. Nearest well is the Castor LC35-62HN (API: 123-37507).

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: Justin Garrett

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 10/21/2014 Email: RegulatoryNotification@noble

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: 11/21/2014

Expiration Date: 11/20/2016

API NUMBER

05 123 40683 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

	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the following offset well(s) of concern: Merrill #1, 123-05617, DA, Option 3 Operator agrees to: comply with the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy to mitigate the situation, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit Form 42(s) ("OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED") for the remediated wells, referencing the API Number of the proposed horizontal well(s) stating what appropriate mitigation occurred and that it has been completed, prior to the hydraulic stimulation of this well.
	Note changes: Increased surface casing depth for base of Fox Hills 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 from TD 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.

Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	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.
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) 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 and maintained 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	<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 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)

Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
901155	VARIANCE REQUEST
400706590	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400712798	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
400712806	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400712807	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400712810	WELL LOCATION PLAT

Total Attach: 6 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	11/17/2014 2:27:11 PM
Permit	Operator submitted Variance Request to Rule 318.c for Spacing Order 535-480. Marked on Exceptions tab.	11/7/2014 11:06:21 AM
Permit	Open hole resistivity and gamma logs shall be run to describe the stratigraphy of the entire well bore and to adequately verify the setting depth of surface casing and aquifer coverage. On a multi-well pad, these open hole logs are only required on one of the first wells drilled on the pad and the Drilling Completion Report - Form 5 for every well on the pad shall identify which well was logged.	11/7/2014 9:11:50 AM
Permit	Passed Completeness	10/27/2014 2:45:32 PM
Permit	Returned to Draft: Mineral Lease does not meet requirements.	10/23/2014 11:15:09 AM

Total: 5 comment(s)