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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 ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Date Received:

01/19/2015

Well Name: Wells Ranch

Well Number: AA11-657

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: SENE Sec: 11 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.503020

Longitude: -104.395200

Footage at Surface: 1962 feet FNL/FSL FNL 215 feet FEL/FWL FEL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4869

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 09/08/2014 PDOP Reading: 2.2 Instrument Operator's Name: Wyatt Hall

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

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FNL/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FNL/FWL  
2151 FNL 585 FEL 2150 FNL 2085 FEL  
Sec: 11 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 10 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: Yes

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-R63W Sec 11: All

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: 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: 5025 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 5280 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 215 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: 135 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 499 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Unit configuration = T6N-R63W Sec 10: S/2NE/4, Sec 11: S/2N/2

## 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		240	GWA

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 13843 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 135 Feet (Including plugged wells)

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H<sub>2</sub>S 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: Land application

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	1680	815	1680	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7090	480	7090	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6940	13843			

☐ 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 is 200' above Niobrara. The production liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. Well is part of a three-well pad consisting of the proposed Wells Ranch AA11-654, Wells Ranch AA11-657, & Wells Ranch AA11-667. The production facilities are being permitted adjacent to the pad as part of the same disturbance. Nearest producing well is the Wells Ranch USX AA11-06 (API: 123-27007). The Wells Ranch USX AA11-08 (API: 123-29212) is AL status and was never drilled, which is why it is not reflected as the nearest well. Noble Energy Inc. requests approval of a Rule 318.A.n. variance; wellhead lateral is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request attached. Noble Energy Inc. requests approval of Rule 318A.a Surface location outside window; 318A.c Twinning location exception, request letter and signed waiver 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: Justin Garrett

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 1/19/2015 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: 3/12/2015

Expiration Date: 03/11/2017

### API NUMBER

05 123 41255 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

	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.
	Note surface casing setting depth change from 550' to 1680'. Increase cement coverage accordingly.  1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU. 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from end of 7" casing 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	BMP/COA Type	Description
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>
5	Drilling/Completion Operations	Cased-hole neutron and gamma ray logs will 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 cased-hole logs will only be conducted on one of the first wells drilled on the pad. The Drilling Completion Report - Form 5 for every well on the pad will identify which well was logged.
6	Drilling/Completion Operations	If a skid is performed for the subject well, then the only required BOPE tests are for the BOPE connection bonnet seal breaks, as long as a full BOPE test was performed at the beginning of the pad, and as long as all necessary BOPE tests are completed at least every 30 days during the pad operations. If a skid is performed for the subject well, then the only required BOPE tests are for the BOPE connection bonnet seal breaks, as long as a full BOPE test was performed at the beginning of the pad, and as long as all necessary BOPE tests are completed at least every 30 days during the pad operations.

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## 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>
400739724	APD APPROVED
400774679	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
400774683	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400774684	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400774685	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400774687	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400774688	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
400774689	ANTI-COLLISION WAIVER
400774690	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400774692	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400774693	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400808569	FORM 2 SUBMITTED

Total Attach: 12 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	3/12/2015 2:57:37 PM
Engineer	Evaluated offset wells. Anti Collision addressed	2/25/2015 4:52:24 PM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318A.n exception location: Wellbore is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request and waivers attached.	2/23/2015 9:30:25 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Aa, Rule 318Ae, and Rule 318Ac exception location: Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window, the well will be drilled to a 318Ae infill location from outside of a GWA drilling window, and the wellhead will be located more than 50' from an existing well location. Request and waivers attached.	2/23/2015 9:30:08 AM
Permit	Operator confirmed the objective formation is Niobrara.	2/20/2015 10:28:53 AM
Permit	Corrected anti-collision waiver label from "Variance request" to "Anti-collision waiver" Passed completeness.	1/20/2015 3:25:07 PM

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