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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Refilling ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: Wells Ranch

Well Number: AA22-617

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Andrea Rawson

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SWSW Sec: 22 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.467530

Longitude: -104.431960

Footage at Surface: 970 feet FNL/FSL FSL 79 feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4745

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 11/25/2014 PDOP Reading: 1.7 Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Beauprez

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

445 FSL 750 FWL 447 FSL 907 FEL  
Sec: 22 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 23 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: 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.)

T6N-R63W Sec. 22 W/2SW/4.

Total Acres in Described Lease: 80 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: 1371 Feet  
Building Unit: 4337 Feet  
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet  
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet  
Public Road: 4288 Feet  
Above Ground Utility: 4277 Feet  
Railroad: 5280 Feet  
Property Line: 79 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: 155 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 750 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

## SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Unit Configuration =6N 63W Sec 22 S/2S/2, Sec 23: S/2S/2, Sec 26: N/2N/2, 27: N/2,N/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		640	GWA

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 15785 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 155 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: 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	80	6	80	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	650	257	650	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	6965	577	6965	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6815	15785			

☐ 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 First string top of cement = 200' above the Niobrara formation. The production liner will be hung off inside of the 7" casing string. 4 Well Pad includes Wells Ranch AA22-631, Wells Ranch AA22-625, Wells Ranch AA22-617, and Wells Ranch AA22-612. Noble Energy shall isolate the Upper Pierre Aquifer from the Fox Hills Aquifer with surface casing and cement and utilize intermediate casing and cement to ensure isolation from below. Nearest well in the same formation: Wells Ranch AA22-612, distance calculated from footages. Nearest off- Operated well: Wells Ranch 24-22 (PDC) 123-27317 SESW 22 6N 63W calculated from footages

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: Andrea Rawson

Title: Regulatory Analyst I Date: 7/28/2015 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: 10/12/2015

Expiration Date: 10/11/2017

### API NUMBER

05 123 42266 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

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU.</li><li>2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from the end of the 7" casing to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.</li><li>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.</li></ol>
	<p>Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed well. Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 1 or 2 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit a Form 42 "OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED" for the remediated well, 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 the proposed wells.</p> <p>Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-2 (API #123-25267) Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-19 (API #123-25049) Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-17 (API #123-25048)</p>

## Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	General Housekeeping	<p><b>GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:</b> 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.</p>
2	Storm Water/Erosion Control	<p><b>STORM WATER/EROSION CONTROL:</b> Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil &amp; 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 until the pad reaches final reclamation.</p>
3	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	<p>Spill prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil &amp; Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.</p>
4	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>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.</p>
5	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Cased hole Pulsed Neutron Log with Gamma Ray Log from TD into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a cement bond log with gamma-ray run on production casing (or on intermediate casing if production liner is run) into the surface casing. The horizontal portion of every well will be logged with a measured while-drilling gamma-ray log. The Form 5, Completion Report, for each well on the pad will list all logs run in that well and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for each well shall clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall reference the Rule 317.p Exception granted for the well.</p>
6	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p><b>Anti-collision:</b> 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><b>During and Post stimulation:</b> 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: 6 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**

<b><u>Att Doc Num</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
400831987	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400874267	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
400874268	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400874485	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400874487	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400874522	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400874523	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400874545	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400880312	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400884282	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
400888923	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400907992	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST

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.	10/8/2015 10:34:21 AM
Permit	Request for Exception to Open Hole Logging Rule 317.p letter attached.	10/8/2015 9:56:55 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.	10/8/2015 9:55:55 AM
Permit	Corrected distance to nearest offset well in the same formation from 336 to 155' per the operator's request.	10/8/2015 9:31:37 AM
Engineer	Changed "Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating the objective formation:" to reflect distance to 123-27317.	10/7/2015 8:49:14 AM
Permit	Per the operator changed: Lease description from 6N 63W Sec 22 S/2S/2, Sec 23: S/2S/2, Sec 26: N/2N/2, 27: N/2,N/2 to T6N-R63W Sec. 22 W/2SW/4. Right of way from Surface Use Agreement to Oil and Gas Lease Entered Stephanie.Kolle@nblenergy.com as wellbore integrity contact	9/30/2015 9:26:42 AM
Permit	Requested from operator: Right to construct, lease description, exception location attachment, offset wells evaluation email	9/29/2015 3:05:38 PM
Permit	Pass completeness	8/27/2015 9:17:18 AM
Permit	Return to draft.  Doc# for well is incorrect on the Exception Loc Request attachment.	8/24/2015 8:11:00 AM
Permit	Questions regarding the Surface Owner on the 'Surface and Minerals' tab are still incomplete. If "has signed the Oil and Gas Lease" is selected then "is committed to an Oil and Gas Lease" must also be selected. Return to draft.	8/17/2015 2:36:06 PM
Permit	Returned to draft per Permitting Supervisor request.	8/12/2015 9:30:50 AM
Permit	Returned to draft. 1.) Well Location Plat does not show the top of the production interval. 2.) Document number should be included with the well name on the Open Hole Logging Exception attachment. 3.) Exception Location Request attachment has the distance from a property line listed as 150 inches rather than 150 feet, and the reason for the request should be stated in the Exception Location Request attachment. 4.) In the Exceptions tab Rule 603.a.(2) is not selected. 5.) If "has signed the Oil and Gas Lease" than "is committed to an Oil and Gas Lease" must also be selected. 6.) Operator's Wellbore Integrity Contact email is blank.	8/3/2015 12:48:40 PM

Total: 12 comment(s)