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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

1.  Drill,  Deepen,  Re-enter,  Recomplete and Operate

2. TYPE OF WELL

OIL  GAS  COALBED  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
SINGLE ZONE  MULTIPLE ZONE  COMMINGLE ZONE

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Document Number:

400008015

Plugging Bond Surety

20030009

3. Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC 4. COGCC Operator Number: 100322

5. Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

6. Contact Name: KATE SHIRLEY Phone: (303)228-4449 Fax: (303)228-4286  
Email: kshirley@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: WELLS RANCH USX AE Well Number: 31-01P

8. Unit Name (if appl): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 6800

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: NENE Sec: 31 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.448104 Longitude: -104.358619

Footage at Surface: 831 FNL/FSL FNL 567 FEL/FWL FEL

11. Field Name: Wattenberg Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4726 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 09/11/2009 PDOP Reading: 1.8 Instrument Operator's Name: John C Barickman

15. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp: \_\_\_\_\_ Rng: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp: \_\_\_\_\_ Rng: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Is location in a high density area? (Rule 603b)?  Yes  No

17. Distance to the nearest building, public road, above ground utility or railroad: 400 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 567 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation: 3006 ft

20. LEASE, SPACING AND POOLING INFORMATION

| Objective Formation(s) | Formation Code | Spacing Order Number(s) | Unit Acreage Assigned to Well | Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.) |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Codell                 | CODL           | 407-87                  | 80                            | N/2NE/4                              |
| Niobrara               | NBRR           | 407-87                  | 80                            | N/2NE/4                              |

21. Mineral Ownership:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian Lease #: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Surface Ownership:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian

23. Is the Surface Owner also the Mineral Owner?  Yes  No Surface Surety ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

23a. If 23 is Yes: Is the Surface Owner(s) signature on the lease?  Yes  No

23b. If 23 is No  Surface Owners Agreement Attached or  \$25,000 Blanket Surface Bon  \$2,000 Surface Bond  \$5,000 Surface Bond

24. Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format enter entire mineral lease description upon which this proposed wellsite is located (attach separate sheet/map if you prefer):  
T6N-R62W-Section 31: ALL

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 567 ft 26. Total Acres in Lease: 640

**DRILLING PLANS AND PROCEDURES**

27. Is H2S anticipated?  Yes  No If Yes, attach contingency plan.

28. Will salt sections be encountered during drilling?  Yes  No

29. Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS CL) or oil based muds be used during drilling?  Yes  No

30. If questions 27 or 28 are yes, is this location in a sensitive area (Rule 903)?  Yes  No **If 28, 29, or 30 are "Yes" a pit permit may be required.**

31. Mud disposal:  Offsite  Onsite  
Method:  Land Farming  Land Spreading  Disposal Facility Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The use of an earthen pit for Recompletion fluids requires a pit permit (Rule 905b). If air/gas drilling, notify local fire officials.

| Casing Type | Size of Hole | Size of Casing | Weight Per Foot | Setting Depth | Sacks Cement | Cement Bottom | Cement Top |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| SURF        | 12+1/4       | 8+5/8          | 24              | 500           | 210          | 500           | 0          |
| 1ST         | 7+7/8        | 4+1/2          | 11.6            | 6,800         | 590          | 6,800         |            |

32. BOP Equipment Type:  Annular Preventer  Double Ram  Rotating Head  None

33. Comments No conductor casing will be used. 1st String TOC=200' above Niobrara.

34. Location ID: \_\_\_\_\_

35. Is this application in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan ?  Yes  No

36. Is this application part of submitted Oil and Gas Location Assessment ?  Yes  No

I hereby certify all statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Kate Shirley

Title: Regulatory Specialist Date: 10/21/2009 Email: kshirley@nobleenergyinc.com

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: David S. Nashin Director of COGCC Date: 12/16/2009

**API NUMBER**  
05 123 30915 00

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: 12/15/2011

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

1) Provide 24 hr notice of spud to Colby Horton at 970-467-2517 or e-mail at colby.horton@state.co.us. 2) Set surface casing per Rule 317d, cement to surface. Setting surface casing less than the approved depth is a permit violation unless prior written approval is obtained from the COGCC. 3) If completed, provide cement coverage from TD to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. 4) If dry hole, 40 sks cement 50' above Niobrara top, 50 sks cement ½ out, ½ in surface casing, 10 sks cement top of surface casing, cut 4' below GL, weld on plate, 5 sks cement in rat hole 5 sks cement in mouse hole. Restore surface location.

### **Attachment Check List**

| Att Doc Num | Name                 | Doc Description          |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2098096     | SURFACE CASING CHECK | LF@2184260 2098096.00000 |
| 400011010   | WELL LOCATION PLAT   | LF@2168285 400011010     |
| 400011011   | 30 DAY NOTICE LETTER | LF@2168286 400011011     |
| 400011012   | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY | LF@2168287 400011012     |

Total Attach: 4 Files