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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

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: 31-99HZ

8. Unit Name (if appl): _____ Unit Number: _____

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 10622

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

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

Latitude: 40.446360 Longitude: -104.373160

Footage at Surface: 1394 FNL/FSL FNL 723 FEL/FWL FWL

11. Field Name: Wattenberg Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4694 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 06/08/2009 PDOP Reading: 1.4 Instrument Operator's Name: Steven A. Lund

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

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL 700 FSL FSL 1320 FEL FEL FEL/FWL 700 FSL FSL 1320 FEL FEL
 Sec: 31 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W Sec: 31 Twp: 6N Rng: 62W

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: 5280 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 723 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation: 417 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.)
Niobrara	NBRR	407-87	640	All

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: 700 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	9+5/8	36	650	210	650	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	6,913	625	6,913	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	10,622			

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. Production Liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. This well is part of a pilot program. Exception Location 318Ae twinning waivers attached.

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: 10/23/2009 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. Nash Director of COGCC Date: 12/16/2009

API NUMBER: **05 123 30904 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) 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.

Location not in GWA window, exception location requested.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name	Doc Description
2098094	SURFACE CASING CHECK	LF@2184256 2098094.00000
400011535	WELL LOCATION PLAT	LF@2172649 400011535
400011536	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER	LF@2172650 400011536
400011537	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN	LF@2172651 400011537
400011538	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY	LF@2172652 400011538
400011539	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST	LF@2172653 400011539
400011540	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS	LF@2172654 400011540
400011549	FORM 2 SUBMITTED	LF@2172655 400011549

Total Attach: 8 Files