

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

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

2. TYPE OF WELL

OIL GAS COALBED OTHER _____

SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE COMMINGLE

Refiling
Sidetrack

Document Number:
400185148

PluggingBond SuretyID
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: Justin Garrett Phone: (303)228-4449 Fax: (303)228-4286
Email: JGGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: Wells Ranch USX Well Number: AA25-66-1HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 10972

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: NWSW Sec: 25 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 40.456100 Longitude: -104.394100

Footage at Surface: 2169 feet FSL 150 feet FWL

11. Field Name: Crow Creek Field Number: 13610

12. Ground Elevation: 4788 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:
Date of Measurement: 05/05/2011 PDOP Reading: 2.0 Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly

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

2236 FNL 812 FWL 2280 FNL 535 FEL

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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: 5281 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 150 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation: 386 ft

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	SEC 25

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 Bond \$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):
 Noble Energy Inc. certifies that the lease(s) shall be committed to the unit. T6N-R63W Sec. 25: All

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 535 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 28 or 29 are yes, is this location in a sensitive area (Rule 901.e)? Yes No

31. Mud disposal: Offsite Onsite **If 28, 29, or 30 are "Yes" a pit permit may be required.**

Method: Land Farming Land Spreading Disposal Facility Other: Closed loop

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	Wt/Ft	Csg/Liner Top	Setting Depth	Sacks Cmt	Cmt Btm	Cmt Top
CONDUCTOR	16+0/0	15+0/0		0	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	610	269	610	0
1ST	8+3/4	7+0/0	26	0	7,034	1,156	7,034	0
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	5281	10,972			

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

33. Comments First String top of cement will be 200' above Niobrara formation. The production liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. Well is part of a five-well pad consisting of the proposed Wells Ranch USX AA25-63-1HN (doc #400185144), Wells Ranch USX AA25-64-1HN (doc #400185145), Wells Ranch USX AA25-65-1HN (doc #400185146), Wells Ranch USX AA25-65HN (doc #400185147), & Wells Ranch USX AA25-66-1HN (doc #400185148), multi-well plan attached. The production facilities for the proposed pad will be located 1115' N of the pad site and dedicated to the pad being permitted, doc #400185150. Unit Configuration = N/2S/2, S/2N/2. Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window and will be located more than 50' from an existing well location. This is an exception location to 318Aa, 318Ac: Exception request and waiver 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: Justin Garrett

Title: Regulatory Specialist Date: 7/20/2011 Email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.

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. Nesline Director of COGCC Date: 8/22/2011

API NUMBER
05 123 34232 00

Permit Number: _____ Expiration Date: 8/21/2013

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.

During the hydraulic fracturing of well, the operator shall monitor the casing and bradenhead pressures of the all offset wells with wellbore paths that are within 500 feet of the wellbore path of the well being hydraulically fractured. Casing and bradenhead pressure monitoring of the offset wells shall continue for a period of 24-hours after completion of stimulation operations. If at any time during stimulation operations or the 24-hour post-stimulation monitoring period, the bradenhead annulus pressure or the casing pressure of offset wells increases more than 200 psig, the operator of the well being stimulated shall verbally notify the Director as soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the incident. Within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notice, Form 4, giving all details, including corrective actions taken.

- 1)Note surface casing setting depth change from 500' to 610'. Increase cement coverage accordingly and cement to surface.
- 2)Provide 24 hour notice of MIRU to Bo Brown via e-mail at bo.brown@state.co.us.
- 3)Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from the end of the production casing to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.
- 4)Comply with Rule 321. Run and submit Directional Survey from the end of production casing to base of surface casing. Ensure that the wellbore complies with setback requirements in commission orders or rules prior to producing the well.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
2481069	SURFACE CASING CHECK
2530871	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400185148	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400187678	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400187679	APD APPROVED
400187680	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400187681	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400187682	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400187683	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400187685	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400187686	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 11 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Well regarding objection was withdrawn.8/11/2011	8/22/2011 5:04:11 PM
Permit	On hold pending discussion about mineral owner objection.	8/22/2011 11:08:57 AM
Permit	Please have the spacing changed on these permits to 640 acres? J. Garrett Noble	7/26/2011 8:42:05 AM
Permit	Lease is a single lease per operator.	7/26/2011 7:22:29 AM
Permit	updated permit with new survey plat.	7/25/2011 1:48:34 PM
Permit	Need clarification on lease.	7/21/2011 9:38:54 AM
Permit	On hold waiting for survey plat.	7/21/2011 9:21:09 AM

Total: 7 comment(s)

BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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 until the pad reaches final reclamation.
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.
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.

Total: 3 comment(s)