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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 ☒ COMMINGLE ☒

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: MARI CLARK Phone: (303)228-4413 Fax: (303)228-4286

Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: THORNTON USX N Well Number: 05-23D

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 7888

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: SESE Sec: 5 Twp: 5N Rng: 67W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.423570 Longitude: -104.910620

Footage at Surface: 737 feet FNL/FSL 1035 feet FEL/FWL FEL

11. Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4883 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 10/11/2011 PDOP Reading: 1.3 Instrument Operator's Name: ROBERT DALEY

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
1320 FSL 1320 FEL 1320 FSL 1320 FEL
Sec: 5 Twp: 5N Rng: 67W Sec: 5 Twp: 5N Rng: 67W

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: 782 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 737 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 1003 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	232-23	160	SE/4
J SAND	JSND	407-87	320	E/2
NIOBRARA	NBRR	232-23	160	SE/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#: 20030012

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):

T5N, R67W, SEC. 5: NWSE & E/2SE/4

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 1320 ft

26. Total Acres in Lease: 120

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: _____

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
SURF	12+1/2	8+5/8	24	0	600	248	600	0
1ST	7+7/8	4+1/2	11.6	0	7,888	677	7,888	

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

33. Comments NO CONDUCTOR CASING WILL BE USED. 1ST STRING TOP OF CEMENT = 200' ABOVE NIOBRARA. WELL IS TO BE TWINNED WITH APPROVED THORNTON USX N05-10P & PROPOSED THORNTON USX N05-09D CREATING A 3 WELL PAD. THE APPROVED THORNTON USX N05-10P IS BEING SUNDRIED FOR A SH CHANGE & NAME CHANGE FROM N05-10P TO N05-10D & FROM A VERTICAL TO A DIRECTIONAL. SUNDRY SUBMITTED. ANTI-COLLISION REPORT ATTACHED.

34. Location ID: 418546

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: MARI CLARK

Title: REG. ANALYST II Date: 3/28/2012 Email: mclark@nobleenergyinc.com

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: 4/26/2012

API NUMBER

05 123 35464 00

Permit Number: _____ Expiration Date: 4/25/2014

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.

Operator must meet water well testing requirements per Rule 318A.

- 1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU.
- 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from TD 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.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
400245660	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400257376	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400265520	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400265522	OTHER
400265523	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400265525	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400265526	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400265527	WELL LOCATION PLAT

Total Attach: 8 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	4/23/2012 2:56:12 PM
Permit	Added location ID # 418546 per operator. Okay to pass pending public comment 4/18/12.	4/3/2012 10:28:12 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Aa and Rule 318Ac exception location: Wellhead is to be located outside of a GWA drilling window and will be located more than 50' from an existing well location. Request and waivers attached.	4/3/2012 10:28:01 AM

Total: 3 comment(s)

BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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.
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 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.

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