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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: SUSAN MILLER Phone: (303)228-4246 Fax: (303)228-4286

Email: smiller@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: THISTLE DOWN PC Well Number: F36-63HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11413

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: SENE Sec: 36 Twp: 5N Rng: 65W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.356380 Longitude: -104.603040

Footage at Surface: 2360 feet FNL/FSL 279 feet FEL/FWL
FNL FEL

11. Field Name: Wattenberg Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4770 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 08/31/2011 PDOP Reading: 1.7 Instrument Operator's Name: Brian Brinkman

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
1663 FSL 745 FEL 1665 FSL 535 FWL
Sec: 36 Twp: 5N Rng: 65W Sec: 36 Twp: 5N Rng: 65W

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: 259 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 264 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 325 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		320	GWA

21. Mineral Ownership: ☐ Fee ☒ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian Lease #: 81/6053-S

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):

T5N-R65W Section 36: All. Noble Energy Inc certifies that the lease(s) shall be committed to the unit.

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	18+1/2	16		0	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	550	276	550	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7,424	519	7,424	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	7236	11,413			

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

33. Comments First string top of cement will be 200' above the Niobrara formation. The production liner will be hung off inside of the 7" casing. This is part of a 3-well pad which will include the proposed THISTLE DOWN PC F36-67HC, THISTLE DOWN PC F36-63HN, THISTLE DOWN PC F36-65HN. See 2A doc. no. 400256365 which includes all 3 proposed wells. Unit Configuration: S/2.

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: SUSAN MILLER

Title: Regulatory Analyst III

Date: 5/1/2012

Email: smiller@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: 5/31/2012

API NUMBER

05 123 35678 00

Permit Number: _____

Expiration Date: 5/30/2014

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 as per amended Rule 318Ae(4)

- 1) Provide 48 hour notice of MIRU via an electronic Form 42.
- 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from the end of the production casing to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara and from 200' below Sussex to 200' above Sussex. Verify coverage with a cement bond log.
- 3) Comply with Rule 321. Run and submit Directional Survey from the TD to surface. 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
2113533	VARIANCE REQUEST
2481602	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400256382	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400256386	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400256388	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400256389	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400261634	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400261635	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400261636	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400279079	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400279081	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400279083	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400279084	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 13 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Deleted spacing order number for GWA wellbore spacing unit. Tim Kelly gave verbal approval of Surface Restoration Bond. Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	5/30/2012 9:43:37 AM
Permit	Added Variance Request as per opr. Ready to pass pending public comment 5/22/12	5/7/2012 11:33:01 AM
Permit	Has several wells within 150' and no variace request. Notified Opr, put form on hold.	5/4/2012 3:13:12 PM
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.	5/4/2012 2:45:57 PM
Permit	Emailed Tim Kelly at SLB for verification of Surface Restoration Bond 81/6053-S	5/4/2012 2:26:25 PM

Total: 5 comment(s)

BMP

Type	Comment
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) and 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.
General Housekeeping	General 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 pick up trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Anti-collision: 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>During and Post stimulation: 1. At least seven (7) days prior to fracture stimulation, the Operator is to notify all operators of non-operated wells within 300 feet of the wellbore to be fracture stimulated of the anticipated date stimulation date and the recommended best management practice to shut-in all wells within 300' of the stimulated wellbore completed in the same formation.</p> <p>2. The Operator will monitor the bradenhead pressure of all wells operated by the Operator within 300 feet of the well to be fracture stimulated.</p> <p>3. Bradenhead pressure gauges are to be installed 24 hours prior to stimulation. The gauges are to read at least once during every 24-hour period until 24-hours after stimulation is completed (post flowback). The gauges are to be of the type able to read current pressure and record the maximum encountered pressure in a 24-hour period. The gauge is to be reset between each 24-hour period. The pressures are to be recorded and saved. Alternate electronic measurement may be used to record the prescribed pressures. Data shall be kept for a period of one year.</p> <p>4. If at any time during stimulation or the 24-hour post-stimulation period, the bradenhead annulus pressure of the treatment well or offset wells increases more than 200 psig, as per Rule 341, 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.</p>
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.
Total: 4 comment(s)	