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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: Justin Garrett Phone: (303)228-4449 Fax: (303)228-4286

Email: JGGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com

7. Well Name: Wells Ranch State USX Well Number: AA16-63-1HNL

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 16458

## WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: SWSW Sec: 14 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.481240 Longitude: -104.412590

Footage at Surface: 703 feet FSL 247 feet FWL

11. Field Name: Wattenberg Field Number: 90750

12. Ground Elevation: 4744 13. County: WELD

### 14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 05/31/2012 PDOP Reading: 1.1 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
991 FSL 533 FEL 990 FSL 535 FWL  
Sec: 15 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 16 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W

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: 236 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 247 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 111 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		640	GWA

21. Mineral Ownership:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian Lease #: 9056-6S

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):

Horizontal wellbore will produce from multiple leases. Please see attached lease description. Also Fee Mineral Ownership.

25. Distance to Nearest Mineral Lease Line: 0 ft 26. Total Acres in Lease: 1280

### 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+0/0		0	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	600	300	600	0
1ST	8+3/4	7+0/0	26	0	6,973	488	6,973	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6850	16,458			

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 two-well pad consisting of the proposed Wells Ranch State PC USX AA16-62-1HNL (Doc #400305440) and Wells Ranch State USX AA16-63-1HNL (Doc #400305442); multi-well plan attached. Production facilities were already permitted into the existing Wells Ranch Sec 14 EcoNode. Unit Configuration = S/2 Sec 15, S/2 Sec 16. Noble Energy Inc. requests approval of Rule 318A.a Surface location outside window; 318A.c Twinning location exception; Noble Energy Inc. requests approval of a Rule 318.A.m. exception location; wellhead is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request and signed waiver attached. Memo of SUA 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: 9/17/2012 Email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.co

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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 10/11/2012

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: 10/10/2014

**API NUMBER**  
05 123 36157 00

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:**  
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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) Provide notice of MIRU via an electronic Form 42.
- 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from the 7" casing TD to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara. Verify coverage with a cement bond log.

### Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
2481819	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400305442	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400327449	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400327450	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400327451	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400327454	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400327457	LEGAL/LEASE DESCRIPTION
400327459	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400327462	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400327463	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400327464	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400327465	WAIVERS
400327466	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 13 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Updated distance to nearest wellbore. Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	10/11/2012 6:24:52 AM
Permit	Requested distance to nearest wellbore. Form ok to pass when corrected.	10/10/2012 8:14:41 AM
Engineer	Evaluated offset wells for adequate cement coverage.	9/24/2012 1:41:15 PM
Permit	Location and wellbore ok per State Land Board.	9/20/2012 2:06:01 PM
Permit	Removed request for 603.a.2 exception per operator. Corrected lease acreage per operator.	9/20/2012 9:24:18 AM
Permit	Requested information on why 603.a.2 was in operator comments since well is over 150' from property line. Initial review complete. Notified state land board.	9/20/2012 9:02:21 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.	9/20/2012 9:01:15 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Am exception location: Wellhead is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request and waivers attached.	9/20/2012 9:01:15 AM
Permit	FYI: 0 feet distance to nearest mineral lease line and less than 150 feet to nearest well permitted/completed in same formation.	9/18/2012 10:24:53 AM

Total: 9 comment(s)

## BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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:  Noble Energy will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12</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.
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 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.

Total: 4 comment(s)