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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

☒ New Location ☐ Amend Existing Location Location#: _____

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be submitted to the COGCC prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas development operations. This Assessment may be approved as a standalone application or submitted as an informational report accompanying an Application for Permit-To-Drill, Form 2. Approval of this Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. This form may serve as notice to land owners and other interested parties, please see the COGCC web site at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc/> for all accompanying information pertinent to this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

431567

Expiration Date:

01/30/2016
☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

1. CONSULTATION

- ☐ This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # _____
- ☐ This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.
- ☐ This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.
- ☐ This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

2. Operator

Operator Number: 100322

Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

3. Contact Information

Name: Justin Garrett

Phone: (303) 228-4449

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4. Location Identification:

Name: Circle Ranch Federal Number: LB07-62HN Multi

County: WELD

QuarterQuarter: SESE Section: 7 Township: 9N Range: 60W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 5040

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. This point should be used as the point of measurement in the drawings to be submitted with this application. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 350 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 225 feet FEL, from East or West section line.

Latitude: 40.757469 Longitude: -104.127308 PDOP Reading: 1.5 Date of Measurement: 06/21/2012

Instrument Operator's Name: Darren Shanks

5. Facilities (Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location):

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| Special Purpose Pits: <input type="text"/> | Drilling Pits: <input type="text"/> | Wells: <input type="text" value="2"/> | Production Pits: <input type="text"/> | Dehydrator Units: <input type="text"/> |
| Condensate Tanks: <input type="text"/> | Water Tanks: <input type="text" value="4"/> | Separators: <input type="text" value="6"/> | Electric Motors: <input type="text"/> | Multi-Well Pits: <input type="text"/> |
| Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="text"/> | Cavity Pumps: <input type="text"/> | LACT Unit: <input type="text"/> | Pump Jacks: <input type="text" value="2"/> | Pigging Station: <input type="text"/> |
| Electric Generators: <input type="text"/> | Gas Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/> | Oil Pipeline: <input type="text"/> | Water Pipeline: <input type="text"/> | Flare: <input type="text"/> |
| Gas Compressors: <input type="text"/> | VOC Combustor: <input type="text" value="3"/> | Oil Tanks: <input type="text" value="16"/> | Fuel Tanks: <input type="text"/> | |

Other: 3 Water Vaults, 6 EFM, 6 3-phase flowlines

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 02/01/2013 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 7.00
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 05/01/2013 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 3.00
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 5040 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes ☒
Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes ☐ No ☒ Is H2S anticipated? Yes ☐ No ☒
Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes ☐ No ☒
Mud disposal: Offsite ☒ Onsite ☐ Method: Land Farming ☒ Land Spreading ☐ Disposal Facility ☐
Other: _____

7. Surface Owner:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Fax: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 05/30/2012
Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian
Mineral Owner: ☐ Fee ☐ State ☒ Federal ☐ Indian
The surface owner is: ☐ the mineral owner ☐ committed to an oil and gas lease
☐ is the executer of the oil and gas lease ☐ the applicant
The right to construct the location is granted by: ☐ oil and gas lease ☒ Surface Use Agreement ☐ Right of Way
☐ applicant is owner
Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: ☐ \$2000 ☐ \$5000 ☐ Blanket Surety ID _____

8. Reclamation Financial Assurance:

☒ Well Surety ID: 20030009 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____ ☐ Waste Mgnt. Surety ID: _____

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes ☐ No ☒
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 5281, public road: 2625, above ground utilit: 435
, railroad: 2400, property line: 225

10. Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP
Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): _____
Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

11. Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP
Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): _____
Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

12. Soils:

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. Attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to be used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: 44: Olney fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 40: Nunn loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 57: Renohill-Shingle complex, 3 to 9 percent slopes

13. Plant Community:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Plant species from: ☐ NRCS or, ☒ field observation Date of observation: 06/21/2012

List individual species: _____

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- ☒ Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
☒ Native Grassland (Bluestem, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)
☐ Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)
☐ Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)
☐ Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)
☐ Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)
☐ Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)
☐ Alpine (above timberline)
☐ Other (describe): _____

14. Water Resources:

Rule 901.e. may require a sensitive area determination be performed. If this determination is performed the data is to be submitted with the Form 2A.

Is this a sensitive area: ☐ No ☒ Yes Was a Rule 901.e. Sensitive Areas Determination performed: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Distance (in feet) to nearest surface water: 2076, water well: 432, depth to ground water: 75

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer zone:

☒ No ☐ 0-300 ft. zone ☐ 301-500 ft. zone ☐ 501-2640 ft. zone

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified: ☐ No ☐ Yes

15. Comments:

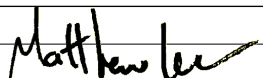
Distance to nearest building is greater than 1 mile. Nearest railroad 2400' SW is abandoned. Nearest surface water 2076' NE is an unnamed low area. It was dry upon field observation. Nearest water well at 432' SE is a household use/stock well; Receipt #0418946, Permit #206634 with a depth of 125' and an unknown static water level. Water well Permit #98793 used for static water level. The location drawing and hydrology map show three water wells @432' SE, 450' SE, & 450' SE. These are not all available on COGCC GIS, but were confirmed to exist per field observation. The reference area is on undisturbed ground immediately adjacent to and East of the pad location as shown in the location photo facing East. Location is a two-well pad consisting of the proposed Circle Ranch LB08-62HN and Circle Ranch Federal LB07-62HN, with the production facilities within the pad disturbance; multi-well plan attached. No existing equipment. Equipment will be for the proposed Circle Ranch Federal LB07-62HN, Circle Ranch LB08-62HN, and Circle Ranch LB18-68HN. The location drawing shows an abandoned structure 375' SE and 390' SE. Upon field observation, there are remains of an abandoned house, including a foundation and rubble. Also Fee Mineral Ownership. Surface Use Agreement is attached to the Form 2 for the referenced wells.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: 01/02/2013 Email: JDGarrett@nobleenergyinc.com

Print Name: Justin Garrett Title: Regulatory Specialist

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

**CONDITIONS OF
APPROVAL, IF ANY:**

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.

Attachment Check List

| Att Doc Num | Name |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2233264 | LOCATION DRAWING |
| 400358936 | FORM 2A SUBMITTED |
| 400364023 | ACCESS ROAD MAP |
| 400364025 | PROPOSED BMPs |
| 400364027 | HYDROLOGY MAP |
| 400364029 | LOCATION PICTURES |
| 400364032 | MULTI-WELL PLAN |
| 400364034 | REFERENCE AREA PICTURES |
| 400364035 | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC |
| 400364037 | WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN |

Total Attach: 10 Files

General Comments

| User Group | Comment | Comment Date |
|------------|---|--------------------------|
| Permit | Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received. | 1/29/2013 10:23:00 AM |
| OGLA | Changed the Sensitive Area Designation to Yes - the location is in a Sensitive Area because it is within 1/8 mile of a domestic (household use) water well; initial review complete | 1/22/2013 8:32:21 AM |
| Permit | Per operator corrected distance to nearest road and attached new location drawing. | 1/10/2013 8:21:51 AM |
| Permit | Requested surface and minerals information and cultural distances. Initial review complete. Form 2's compared to form 2's. | 1/9/2013 8:37:23 AM |

Total: 4 comment(s)

BMP

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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| 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. |
| 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. |
| Pre-Construction | Operator will participate in the Colorado Oil & Gas Association Voluntary Baseline Groundwater Quality Sampling Program. |
| 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. |

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