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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

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7. Well Name: WELLS RANCH USX AA Well Number: 23-63-1HN

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

9. Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11063

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

10. QtrQtr: SWSW Sec: 24 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.466990 Longitude: -104.394240

Footage at Surface: 819 feet FNL/FSL 90 feet FEL/FWL  
FSL FWL

11. Field Name: Crow Creek Field Number: 13610

12. Ground Elevation: 4836 13. County: WELD

14. GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 06/21/2012 PDOP Reading: 1.7 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  
1001 FSL 730 FEL 1000 FSL 535 FWL  
Sec: 23 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 23 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: 4319 ft

18. Distance to nearest property line: 90 ft 19. Distance to nearest well permitted/completed in the same formation(BHL): 220 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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):

T6N, R63W, SEC. 23: S/2, AND OTHER LANDS & OTHER LEASES

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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	570	270	570	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7,030	480	7,030	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6880	11,063			

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

33. Comments 1ST STRING TOP OF CEMENT = 200' ABOVE NIOBRARA. THE PRODUCTION LINER WILL BE HUNG OFF INSIDE 7" CASING. UNIT CONFIGURATION = S/2 OF SEC. 23. WELL IS TO BE TWINNED WITH PROPOSED WELLS RANCH USX AA23-64-63HN, AA23-62-1HN, and AA23-64-1HN. PLEASE SEE LOCATION ID #427153 FOR APPROVED FACILITY 2A. EXCEPTION LOCATION TO RULE 318A.a, and 318A.c, 603.a.(2) REQUESTED AND ATTACHED.

34. Location ID: 428367

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: REGULATORY ANALYST II Date: 2/1/2013 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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 2/26/2013

#### API NUMBER

05 123 36885 00

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: 2/25/2015

#### 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) Provide 48 hour notice of spud via electronic Form 42.
- 2) Set at least 570' of surface casing. Cement to surface.
- 3) Provide cement coverage to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.
- 4) 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.

### **Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators**

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.

### **Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name
2485509	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400346213	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400376943	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400376944	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400376945	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400376946	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400376948	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400376949	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400376950	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400376951	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 10 Files

### **General Comments**

<b><u>User Group</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Date</u></b>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	2/26/2013 9:56:18 AM
Engineer	Evaluated existing wells within 500' of proposed directional.	2/12/2013 1:54:59 PM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 603.a.(2) exception location: Wellhead is to be located less than 150' from a property line. Request letter and waivers attached.	2/11/2013 9:50:34 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.	2/11/2013 9:50:33 AM
Permit	Initial review complete.	2/11/2013 9:50:31 AM

Total: 5 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.
Drilling/Completion Operations	The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has established this Policy Regarding Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments ("Treatment") in the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") pursuant to COGCC 207.a. ("Policy"). This Policy applies to oil and gas operations in the GWA as defined by the COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure. Noble Energy, Inc. will comply with this policy.
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.
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.

Total: 4 comment(s)