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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

Drill       Deepen       Re-enter       Recomplete and Operate

Date Received:  
10/21/2013

TYPE OF WELL    OIL     GAS     COALBED     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
ZONE TYPE      SINGLE ZONE     MULTIPLE ZONES     COMMINGLE ZONES

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Well Name: Wells Ranch      Well Number: AA35-68-1AHNA  
Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC      COGCC Operator Number: 100322  
Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER      State: CO      Zip: 80202  
Contact Name: Julie Webb      Phone: (720)587-2316      Fax: ( )  
Email: jwebb@nobleenergyinc.com

RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NWNW      Sec: 36      Twp: 6N      Rng: 63W      Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.448280      Longitude: -104.394090

Footage at Surface: 680 feet      FNL/FSL FNL 164 feet      FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: CROW CREEK      Field Number: 13610  
Ground Elevation: 4808      County: WELD

GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 08/02/2013      PDOP Reading: 1.2      Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly

If well is  Directional       Horizontal (highly deviated)      **submit deviated drilling plan.**

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FNL 536 FEL 905 FNL 535 FWL  
902 FNL 536 FEL 905 FNL 535 FWL  
Sec: 35      Twp: 6N      Rng: 63W      Sec: 35      Twp: 6N      Rng: 63W

LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership:  Fee       State       Federal       Indian

The Surface Owner is:  is the mineral owner beneath the location.  
(check all that apply)  is committed to an Oil and Gas Lease.  
 has signed the Oil and Gas Lease.  
 is the applicant.

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is:  Fee       State       Federal       Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed by this Well: No

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEASE INFORMATION**

Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format, describe one entire mineral lease that will be produced by this well (Describe lease beneath surface location if produced. Attach separate description page or map if necessary.)

T6N, R63W, Sec 35:ALL

Total Acres in Described Lease: 640 Described Mineral Lease is:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian

Federal or State Lease # \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 535 Feet

**CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION**

Distance to nearest:

Building: 5280 Feet

Building Unit: 5280 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 5280 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 5280 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 164 Feet

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- All measurements shall be provided from center of the Proposed Well to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.a.(5).

- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.

- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.

- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

**DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION**

Check all that apply. This location is within a:  Buffer Zone  
 Exception Zone  
 Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone – as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit

- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.

- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION**

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Wellbore Permitted or Completed in the same formation: 137 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 535 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS**

Unit configuration: N2 Sec 36 T6N R63W

Distance to nearest well (Wells Ranch USX AA35-02) measured to via the Anti-Collision Report in the Deviated Drilling plan.

**OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS**

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

**DRILLING PROGRAM**

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11139 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 137 Feet (Including plugged wells)

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan)

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? No

Will salt based (>15,000 ppm Cl) drilling fluids be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

BOP Equipment Type:  Annular Preventor  Double Ram  Rotating Head  None

### GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

### DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Recycle/reuse

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ or Document Number: 2614238

### CASING PROGRAM

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	100	6	100	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	550	270	550	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	6925	470	6925	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6775	11139			

Conductor Casing is NOT planned

### DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

### GREATER WATTENBERG AREA LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 318A.a. Exception Location (GWA Windows).
- Rule 318A.c. Exception Location (GWA Twinning).

### RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 318.c. Exception Location from Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Rule 603.a.(2) Exception Location (Property Line Setback).

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

## OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments 1st String top of cement will be 200' above the Niobrara. Production liner will be hung off inside 7" casing. Noble requests an exception to the intrawell distance requirement per Rule 318.A.m. Exception requests and waivers attached.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan \_\_\_\_\_ CDP #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? Yes

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Julie Webb

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 10/21/2013 Email: Regulatorynotification@noble

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: 12/23/2013

Expiration Date: 12/22/2015

### API NUMBER

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## Conditions Of Approval

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.

### COA Type

### Description

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

## Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Drilling/Completion Operations	Noble Energy will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12. 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.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	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.

Total: 2 comment(s)

### 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

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400480265	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400486459	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400486461	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400486463	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400486469	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400488344	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400488352	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400488357	VARIANCE REQUEST
400491861	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
400498909	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST

Total Attach: 10 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Final Review	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	12/23/2013 2:22:02 PM
Permit	ok to pass.	12/9/2013 10:08:07 AM
Permit	Operator requests approval of a Rule 318Am exception location: Wellbore is to be located less than 150' from an existing wellbore. Request and waivers attached.	12/9/2013 10:08:06 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.	12/9/2013 10:08:05 AM

Total: 4 comment(s)