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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:

01/08/2014

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER _____Refilling ☐ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: Becker Ranch

Well Number: 5R-323

Name of Operator: PDC ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 69175

Address: 1775 SHERMAN STREET - STE 3000

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203

Contact Name: Julie Webb

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20090078

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NENE Sec: 5 Twp: 3N Rng: 64W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.261180

Longitude: -104.568090

Footage at Surface: 206 feet FNL/FSL FNL 760 feet FEL/FWL FEL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4784

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 07/17/2013 PDOP Reading: 2.0 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/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL
 824 FNL 824 FEL 500 FSL 805 FEL
 Sec: 5 Twp: 3N Rng: 64W Sec: 5 Twp: 3N Rng: 64W

LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ IndianThe 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: Yes

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: oil and gas lease

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.)

T3N, R64W, Section 5: Lot 1 (80.06 acres), S2NE

Total Acres in Described Lease: 160 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: 0 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 1042 Feet

Building Unit: 2743 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 212 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 1042 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 206 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: 5 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 500 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Unit Configuration: E2E2 Sec.5, T3N, T64W

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 | | 160 | GWA |

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11323 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 5 Feet (Including plugged wells)

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H₂S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H₂S 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: _____

CASING PROGRAM

| Casing Type | Size of Hole | Size of Casing | Wt/Ft | Csg/Liner Top | Setting Depth | Sacks Cmt | Cmt Btm | Cmt Top |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| SURF | 12+1/4 | 9+5/8 | 36 | 0 | 875 | 830 | 875 | 0 |
| 1ST | 8+3/4 | 7 | 26 | 0 | 7350 | 650 | 7350 | 500 |
| 1ST LINER | 6+1/8 | 4+1/2 | 11.6 | 6140 | 11323 | | | |

☒ 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 318A.m

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 7" casing string will be cemented to at least 200' above Niobrara, around 500' from surface. CBL will only be run in the vertical section of the wellbore. Drill cuttings will be land applied at PDC spread fields with COGCC Facility ID 425112, 429629, 430649, 431183, or 434889. Distance to nearest well measured to the Becker 5-16 via the Anti-Collision Report in the Deviated Drilling plan.

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: 1/8/2014 Email: julie.webb@pdce.com

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: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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

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| Drilling/Completion Operations | Open hole resistivity and gamma logs shall be run to describe the stratigraphy of the entire well bore and to adequately verify the setting depth of surface casing and aquifer coverage. On a multi-well pad, these open hole logs are only required on one of the first wells drilled on the pad and the Drilling Completion Report - Form 5 for every well on the pad shall identify which well was logged. |
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Best Management Practices

No BMP/COA Type

Description

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| 1 | Drilling/Completion Operations | Operator will comply with COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated May 29, 2012. 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> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2157443 | VARIANCE REQUEST |
| 2157455 | EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST |
| 400521597 | FORM 2 SUBMITTED |
| 400524945 | WELL LOCATION PLAT |
| 400524955 | EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS |
| 400525302 | 30 DAY NOTICE LETTER |
| 400529547 | DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN |
| 400529549 | DIRECTIONAL DATA |
| 400532557 | PROPOSED SPACING UNIT |
| 400536430 | OffsetWellEvaluations Data |

Total Attach: 10 Files

General Comments

| <u>User Group</u> | <u>Comment</u> | <u>Comment Date</u> |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Permit | Oper. submitted completed offset well evaluation and exc. loc. req. ltr. | 1/16/2014 7:17:30 AM |
| Permit | Oper. corrected lease desc. and submitted variance request for 318A.m. | 1/15/2014 2:38:44 PM |
| Permit | Req'd offset well eval. with distances to nearby wells. Req'd exception location request letter w/ correct language. Need variance request letter for 318A.m Lease acres incorrect. | 1/13/2014 12:17:04 PM |
| Permit | Passed completeness. | 1/8/2014 3:18:27 PM |

Total: 4 comment(s)