

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:**

**Drill**       Deepen       Re-enter       Recomplete and Operate

Date Received:  
01/08/2014

TYPE OF WELL    OIL     GAS     COALBED     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE TYPE      SINGLE ZONE     MULTIPLE ZONES     COMMINGLE ZONES

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Well Name: Becker Ranch      Well Number: 5R-443

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      Phone: (303)831-3933      Fax: ( )

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**RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE**

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20090078

**WELL LOCATION INFORMATION**

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

Latitude: 40.261180      Longitude: -104.571970

Footage at Surface:      211 feet      FNL/FSL      FNL      1845 feet      FEL/FWL      FEL

Field Name: WATTENBERG      Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4782      County: WELD

GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 07/17/2013    PDOP Reading: 3.0    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      FEL/FWL      Bottom Hole:    FNL/FSL      FEL/FWL

734    FNL      1817    FEL      500    FSL      1795    FEL

   Sec: 5    Twp: 3N    Rng: 64W      Sec: 5    Twp: 3N    Rng: 64W

**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:    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.)

T 3N-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: 841 Feet

Building Unit: 1670 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 210 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 1043 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 211 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: 73 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: W2E2 Sec 5 T3N, R63W

**OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS**

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
CODELL	CODL		160	GWA

**DRILLING PROGRAM**

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11417 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 73 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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	7536	650	7536	500
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6222	11417			

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 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 5-6 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

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: 2/21/2014

Expiration Date: 02/20/2016

**API NUMBER**  
05 123 38967 00

## 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.

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
	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.
	1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU. 2) Comply with Rule 317.i and provide cement coverage from the bottom of the production casing to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. 3) Run and submit Directional Survey from TD to base of surface casing. The operator shall comply with Rule 321, and it shall be the operator's responsibility to ensure that the wellbore complies with setback requirements in commission orders or rules prior to producing the well.
	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the Becker 5-1 (API NO 123-12297), and the Becker 5-6 (API NO 123-13763). Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 1 or 2 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy) to mitigate the situation, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit a Form 42(s) ("OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED") for the remediated wells, referencing the API Number of the proposed horizontal well(s) stating what appropriate mitigation occurred and that it has been completed, prior to the hydraulic stimulation of this well.
	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the non-operated wells: The Marie D 4-4 (API NO 123-13111), the Marie D 4-12 (API NO 123-13182), the Marie D 4-5 (API NO 123-15121), the Marie D 4-13 (API NO 123-15142), the PTF C 32-16 (API NO 123-14880), the Pluss 32-43 (API NO 123-15974), and the Lindsay C33-13 (API NO 123-14712) wells. Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 1 or 2 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy) to mitigate the situation, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted, and submit Form 42(s) ("OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED") for the remediated wells, referencing the API Number of the proposed horizontal well(s) stating what appropriate mitigation occurred and that it has been completed, prior to the hydraulic stimulation of this well.

## Best Management Practices

No	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
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>
2157445	VARIANCE REQUEST
2157456	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400521605	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400525161	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400525163	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400525164	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400525165	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400525309	30 DAY NOTICE LETTER
400532576	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400536439	OffsetWellEvaluations Data

Total Attach: 10 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	No LGD or public comments. Final Review--passed.	2/18/2014 12:08:44 PM
Permit	Oper. submitted completed offset well evaluation and exc. loc. req. ltr.	1/16/2014 7:29:41 AM
Permit	Oper. submitted revised lease desc. & var. request for 318A.m.	1/15/2014 2:59:48 PM
Permit	Req'd offset well eval. with distances to nearby wells. Req'd exception location request letter w/ correct language. Req'd var. request for 318A.m. Lease acres incorrect.	1/13/2014 12:48:20 PM
Permit	Passed completeness.	1/8/2014 3:44:21 PM

Total: 5 comment(s)