

FORM  
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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location     Refile     Amend Existing Location    Location#: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit signed original form. This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location 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. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

**439811**

Expiration Date:

**11/13/2017**

This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

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.

Operator

Operator Number: 69175  
Name: PDC ENERGY INC  
Address: 1775 SHERMAN STREET - STE 3000  
City: DENVER    State: CO    Zip: 80203

Contact Information

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

- Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20090078     Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste Management Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Rieder    Number: 4N67W18Y  
County: WELD  
Quarter: SESE    Section: 18    Township: 4N    Range: 67W    Meridian: 6    Ground Elevation: 4805

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 674 feet FSL from North or South section line  
742 feet FEL from East or West section line  
Latitude: 40.307850    Longitude: -104.925790  
PDOP Reading: 1.6    Date of Measurement: 06/26/2014  
Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Kelly



Name: Lori D. Rieder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: 7525 WCR 50 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: Johnstown State: CO Zip: 80534  
 Surface Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
 Check all that apply. The Surface Owner:  is the mineral owner  
 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 from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes  
 The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: oil and gas lease  
 Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 05/20/2014

**CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE**

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

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

## CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 407 Feet  
Building Unit: 516 Feet  
High Occupancy Building Unit: 4900 Feet  
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet  
Public Road: 88 Feet  
Above Ground Utility: 132 Feet  
Railroad: 5280 Feet  
Property Line: 105 Feet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.  
- 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: 07/24/2014

## SOIL

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 used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.org/> 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: 19: Colombo Clay Loam 0-1% Slopes  
NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

## WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area:  No  Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 827 Feet

water well: 1120 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 15 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Sensitive area determination: ground water is less than 20'. Depth to ground water determination: Land Owner experience.

Nearest water well was 1120' W of the pad location (Receipt #:9061314, Permit#:12802-R -).

Is the location in a riparian area:  No  Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed  No  Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer No 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

## 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)

## RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

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

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

The following wells will be drilled from this pad Rieder 18T-401, 18T-321, 18T-221, 18Y-241, 18Y-441 and 18Y-301. The proposed 18T-401 (400662328) location was used as the reference point for footages and lat/long location.

The MLVT will be onsite for 180 days and contains 53,000 bbls per tank. MLVT manufacturers currently used by PDC are Industrial Systems Inc. (ISI) and PCI Manufacturing.

Pre-Application Certification Letter and Leak Detection Plan attached as "other."

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 09/30/2014 Email: shayelyn.marshall@pdce.com

Print Name: Shaye Marshall Title: Regulatory Analyst

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: 11/14/2014

### **Conditions Of Approval**

**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.**

<b><u>COA Type</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
	Operator shall provide notice to COGCC 48 hours prior to commencing construction of this Oil and Gas Location via Form 42.

### **Best Management Practices**

<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>BMP/COA Type</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
1	Planning	604c.(2).E. Multiwell Pads: This 2A application is for a 6-well pad. No suitable existing locations are in the area. PDC has worked with the landowners to select the proposed site. Placement of the wells and facility maximize the reclaimable and farmable ground that can be used by the landowner.
2	Planning	604c.(2).V. Development From Existing Well Pads: An existing pad was not available to utilize to develop these wells.
3	Planning	604.c.(2).W. Site Specific Measures: Lights should be turned downward and away from building units within the 1,000 foot buffer area. Dust mitigation will be provided as necessary on lease access roads.
4	Planning	804. Visual Impact: Production facilities, regardless of construction date, which are observable from any public highway will be painted with uniform, non-contrasting, non-reflective color tones (similar to the Munsell Soil Color Coding System), and with colors matched to but slightly darker than the surrounding landscape.
5	Planning	604c.(2).I. BOPE Testing for Drilling Operations: PDC's contractors will supply a double ram BOPE (Blinds and pipes). BOPE is always function tested and all seals and ram block rubbers are inspected. After installation of the BOPE, PDCE conducts a pressure test on the BOPE at a low pressure of (200-400 psi) and a high pressure test with a third party tester, all tests are digitally recorded and any failed equipment or seals are replaced and re-tested.
6	Planning	604c.(2).J. BOPE for Well Servicing Operations: All valves will also be tested to maximum rating by a third party prior to being delivered to location. Whenever snubbing operations are being used the snubbing stack will be pressure tested at the same time the BOPE is being tested which consist of a single pipe ram and a annular bag.
7	Planning	604c.(2).L. Drill Stem Tests: PDC does not conduct drill stem tests, but will seek prior approval from the director if a drill stem test will be preformed.

8	Planning	604c.(2).U. Identification of Plugged and Abandoned Wells: Pursuant to rule 319.a. (5)., once the well has been plugged and abandoned, PDC will identify the location of the wellbore with a permanent monument that will detail the well name and date of plugging.
9	Planning	<p>PDC Energy, Inc. (PDC) has developed Best Management Practices (BMPS) to prevent injuries, property damage or environmental impacts and a Contingency Plan for any Modular Large Volume Tank (MLVT) leak or catastrophic failure of the tank integrity and resulting loss of fluid. These BMPs include, but not limited, by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) PDC determines MLVT locations based on size of location, nearby surface waters, site visibility, surrounding land use, property lines, onsite traffic, site security, tear-away tank fill connections, topography (high, low, slope, direction), nearby building units, roads, access points, and surface owner requests.</li> <li>2) Signs shall be posted on each MLVT to indicate that the contents are fresh water and that no E&amp;P waste fluids are allowed. Location and additional signage shall conform to Rule 210.</li> <li>3) MLVTs will be operated with a minimum of 1 foot freeboard at all times.</li> <li>4) Access to the tanks shall be limited to operational personnel.</li> <li>5) Construction and installation of the tank structure, liner and sub-grade shall meet or exceed the manufacturer specifications. PDC follows manufacturer's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and will provide these SOPs upon request to the COGCC.</li> <li>6) PDC will conduct daily, visual inspections of the exterior wall and general area for any integrity deficiencies before, during, and after filling the MLVTs. PDC uses Construction Sign-Off, Site Preparation Sign-Off, Completion Sign-Off, Pre-Fill, and Site Visit checklists to maintain a written record of inspections. However, when the fluid level in the MLVTs is less than two (2) feet and there is no activity going on (i.e. during holidays or a small break between completions), only intermittent inspections will be conducted. Two feet is the safe volume of fluid level that is needed to hold the liner down and keep the MLVT stable.</li> <li>7) Each location where MLVT's are used will have its own set of unique site-specific characteristics and associated risks (e.g., rural vs. urban setting, grade of the location, etc.) to be considered in a worst case scenario. These characteristics must be identified and addressed prior to the MLVT construction phase and should be documented in the MLVT construction checklist. Ensuring the safety of our employees, contractors, and the public are a top priority. This can be addressed with the implementation of MLVT pre-construction risk assessment measures to address safety concerns, and minimize environmental impacts and property damage in the unlikely event of a MLVT release.</li> <li>8) In the event of a catastrophic MLVT failure, the Operator shall notify the COGCC as soon as practicable but not more than 24 hours after discovery, submit a Form 22-Accident Report within 10 days after discovery, conduct a "root cause analysis", and provide same to COGCC on a Form 4-Sundry Notice within 30 days of the failure.</li> <li>9) The MLVT shall be constructed and operated in accordance with a design package certified and sealed by a Licensed Professional Engineer either in Colorado or the state where the MLVT was designed or manufactured.</li> <li>10) COGCC Rules 605.a.(3,5,6,7, and 8), as applicable to tank setbacks at the time of installation shall apply to the siting of this MLVT.</li> <li>11) All MLVT liner seams shall be welded and tested in accordance with applicable ASTM international standards. Any repairs to liners shall be made using acceptable practices and applicable standards.</li> <li>12) PDC Energy Inc. hereby certifies to the Director that the Modular Large Volume Tanks, utilized for the afore mentioned location, will be designed and implemented consistent with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission policy dated June 13, 2014.</li> </ol>
10	Planning	PDC Energy Inc. hereby certifies to the Director that the Modular Large Volume Tanks, utilized for the afore mentioned location, will be designed and implemented consistent with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission policy dated June 13, 2014.
11	Traffic control	604c.(2).D. Traffic Plan: If required by the local government, a traffic plan will be coordinated with the local jurisdiction prior to commencement of operations.

12	General Housekeeping	604c.(2).N. Control of Fire Hazards: PDC will ensure that any material that might be deemed a fire hazard will be will remain no less than twenty-five (25) feet from the wellhead(s), tanks and separator(s). PDC installs automation equipment for tank level and pressure monitoring inside the bermed area that complies with API RP 500 classifications and with the current national electrical code as adopted by the State of Colorado.
13	General Housekeeping	604c.(2).T. Well Site Cleared: The wellsite will be cleared of all non-essential equipment within ninety (90) days after all wells associated with the pad have been plugged and abandoned.
14	Storm Water/Erosion Control	This Stormwater Management Plan contains required elements associated with PDC's construction activities, as defined in the CDPS General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Authorization to Discharge Under the Colorado Discharge Permit System (Permit No. COR-030000, re-issued and effective July 1, 2007).BMPs for sediment and erosion control will be accomplished through a combination of construction techniques, vegetation and re-vegetation, administrative controls, and structural features.
15	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	604c.(2).F. Leak Detection Plan: See attached.
16	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	604c.(2).K. Pit Level Indicators: PDC uses an Electronic Drilling Recorder (EDR) with pit level monitor(s) and alarm(s) for production rigs. Basic level gages are used on steel pits utilized for the surface rig.
17	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	To prevent adverse impacts to shallow groundwater, buried produced water vault shall be installed above an impermeable synthetic or geosynthetic liner system which shall be tied back into the surface liner.
18	Dust control	805.b(1)-(c) Odors and Dust: Oil and gas facilities and equipment will operate in a manner that odors and dust do not constitute a nuisance or hazard to public welfare. Odors: Oil and gas operations will be in compliance with the Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Quality Control Commission, Regulation No. 2 Odor Emission, 5 C.C.R. 1001-4, Regulation No. 3 (5 C.C.R. 1001-5), and Regulation No. 7 Section XVII.B.1 (a-c) and Section XII. Dust; PDC will employ practices for control of fugitive dust caused by operations include but not limited to the use of speed restrictions, regular road maintenance, restriction of construction activity during high-wind days, and silica dust controls when handling sand used in hydraulic fracturing operations. When necessary, PDC coordinates dust mitigation with the county on gravel roads, places road base where allowed by surface owner around tanks and wellheads to minimize dust, and will water the roads and locations when dry. In addition, automation is used on all new wells to minimize truck traffic.
19	Construction	604c.(2).G. Berm Construction: Containment berms will be constructed using steel rings, designed and installed to prevent leakage and resist degradation from erosion or routine operation. Secondary containment will be constructed with a geosynthetic liner that contains all tanks and flowlines at this location and will be mechanically connected to the steel ring to prevent leakage. Operator will implement site-specific best management practices in accordance with good engineering practices.
20	Construction	604c.(2).S. Access Roads: PDC will utilize the lease access road off of CR 44 (gravel) for drilling operations and maintenance equipment. The lease access road will be properly constructed and maintained to accommodate for local emergency vehicle access. Dust will be mitigated as necessary on lease access road and CR 44. Temporary access off of CR 15 may be utilized for the MLVT area. CR 15 is paved.
21	Construction	604c.(2).M. Fencing Requirements: The completed wellsites will be surrounded with a fence and gate. PDC personnel will monitor the wellsites regularly upon completion of the wells. Authorized representatives and/or PDC personnel shall be on-site during drilling and completion operations.

22	Construction	604c.(2).P. Removal of Surface Trash: A commercial size trash bin for removing debris will be located on site. This bin will be for use by all parties affiliated with the operation.
23	Construction	604c.(2).R. Tank Specifications: Condensate storage tanks will be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 30 (2008 version). PDC will maintain written records to verify proper design, construction and maintenance. All records will be available for inspection by the Director.
24	Noise mitigation	604c.(2).A. Noise: WELL PAD: PDC has conducted baseline noise surveys for all drilling rigs that are being contracted and has also conducted a baseline noise survey for hydraulic fracture stimulation operations on a representative horizontal well. These baseline surveys are utilized for site specific noise modeling to determine if any mitigation measures are warranted. A review was conducted to identify potential receptors within 1000 feet of the proposed pad site. There are 2 building units of concern located east 516 feet and southwest 896 feet of the proposed pad. Based on the results, projected noise levels are not anticipated to exceed the Light Industrial Zone standard of 65 decibels (db) at the receptors locations. Therefore, noise mitigation will not be necessary. If noise mitigation is deemed necessary after drilling and completion activities begin, methods of noise mitigation shall include but not be limited to hay bales, noise walls, or customized semi-trailers. PRODUCTION FACILITIES: It is not anticipated that noise mitigation will be necessary at the proposed tank battery location. After construction is completed, equipment installed and production begins, noise levels will be assessed to determine if mitigation measures will be required to be compliant with Rule 802.
25	Emissions mitigation	604c.(2).C. Green Completions: Flowlines, 48" HLPs, sand traps all capable of supporting green completions as described in rule 805 shall be installed at any Oil and Gas location at which commercial quantities of gas and or oil are reasonable expected to be produced based on existing wells. All green flow back equipment will be able to handle more than 1.5 times the amount of any know volumes in the surrounding field. First sign of salable gas will be put into production equipment and turned down line.
26	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).O. Loadlines: All loadlines shall be bullplugged or capped.

Total: 26 comment(s)

### Attachment Check List

<b>Att Doc Num</b>	<b>Name</b>
1668601	RULE 306.E. CERTIFICATION
400665299	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400665398	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400665400	HYDROLOGY MAP
400665402	LOCATION DRAWING
400665406	LOCATION PICTURES
400665407	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400665408	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400665409	OTHER
400665410	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
400665412	OTHER
400665430	OTHER
400668152	FACILITY LAYOUT DRAWING

Total Attach: 13 Files

## General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed. No LGD or public comment received.	11/10/2014 8:41:12 AM
OGLA	Operator sent noise information BMP no. 24 and sent Rule 306e certification. OGLA review is complete. No public comments received. OGLA task passed	11/7/2014 10:55:34 AM
OGLA	Uncheck Plant community since cropland. Sent email asking for further information on noise mitigation to meet 604.c.(2)A and 306e certification.	11/6/2014 2:12:49 PM
Permit	Passed Completeness	10/8/2014 3:36:28 PM
OGLA	Passed Buffer Zone completeness review	10/8/2014 1:23:21 PM
Permit	In buffer zone. Sent to John Noto for review.	10/2/2014 9:54:34 AM

Total: 6 comment(s)