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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:

01/26/2015

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☐ GAS ☒ COALBED ☐ OTHER _____

Refilling ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: MERLIN STATE

Well Number: 9C-15HZ

Name of Operator: KERR MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

COGCC Operator Number: 47120

Address: P O BOX 173779

City: DENVER

State: CO

Zip: 80217-3779

Contact Name: Cheryl Light

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20010124

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SWNW Sec: 15 Twp: 3N Rng: 67W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.227219

Longitude: -104.884946

Footage at Surface: 2082 feet FNL/FSL FNL 355 feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4798

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 09/04/2014 PDOP Reading: 2.1 Instrument Operator's Name: BART PFEIFER

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
2452 FSL 400 FWL 2378 FSL 1 FEL
Sec: 15 Twp: 3N Rng: 67W Sec: 15 Twp: 3N Rng: 67W

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: applicant is owner

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.)

TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6TH P.M.
SECTION 15: NW
SECTION 22: S2SE, NWSE
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO
CONTAINING 280 ACRES

Total Acres in Described Lease: 280 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: 444 Feet
Building Unit: 883 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 338 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 389 Feet
Railroad: 2483 Feet
Property Line: 355 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: 12/27/2014

SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Wellbore Permitted or Completed in the same formation: 96 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 1059 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

UNIT CONFIGURATION: 3N-67W-SEC 14: SWNW, NWSW; SEC 15: S2N2, N2S2; SEC 16: SENE, NESE

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		480	GWA

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 12360 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 96 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? Yes

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: Commercial Disposal

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

Please see Comments section. Disposal description will not fit in space provided.

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	13+1/2	9+5/8	36	0	748	290	748	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7554	830	7554	0
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	6554	12360	380	12360	6654

☒ 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

OTHER DISPOSAL DESCRIPTION:

Drilling fluids disposal: KMG will reuse water-based drilling fluids to the maximum extent possible, at which point they will either be land applied or taken to a licensed, commercial disposal site; the decision will be based upon laboratory analysis of fluids.

KMG will reuse oil-based drilling fluids to the maximum extent possible, at which point they will be returned to the fluids manufacturer for reconditioning or disposal at a licensed, commercial disposal site.

Cuttings disposal: Water-based cuttings will be disposed of onsite using bioremediation/solidification product.

Oil-based cuttings will be disposed of offsite and at a licensed, commercial disposal site.

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: Mike McConaughey

Title: Sr Regulatory Analyst Date: 1/26/2015 Email: DJRegulatory@anadarko.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:  Director of COGCC Date: 3/31/2015

Expiration Date: 03/30/2017

API NUMBER

05 123 41352 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>
	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed non-producing wells. Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 3 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy), 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. Rusch 34-15 (API 123-10152)
	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed wells. Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 1 or 2 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy), ensure all applicable documentation is submitted, 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. Richard Means GU 1 (API 123-08252) Mayer 22-15 (API 123-24686) Davis State 20-16 (API 123-22247) D K Norgren Unit C True #1 (API 123-11638)
	1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU. 2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from end of 7" casing 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.
	Operator shall comply with Buffer Zone Move-In, Rig-Up Notice Rule 305.h (effective 9/30/2014)

Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Planning	604c.(2).E. Multiwell Pads: In order to reduce surface impact, this application is for a four-well pad.
2	Planning	604c.(2).Q. Guy Line Anchors: Should guy line anchors be left buried for future use, they shall be identified by a bright marker greater than four (4) feet high and no more than one (1) foot east of the guy line anchor.
3	Planning	604c.(2).R. Tank Specifications: Two 500 barrel skid-mounted frac tanks will be temporarily placed on-site for use of the pre-spud rig only. One tank will store water and the other will store water based mud.
4	Planning	604c.(2).S. Access Roads: KMG will utilize a lease access road from County Road 19 and County Road 34 for drilling operations and maintenance equipment. The road will be properly constructed and maintained to accommodate for local emergency vehicle access. Water will be placed on dirt access roads to mitigate dust as needed. If feasible, magnesium chloride will also be used as needed on access roads to further abate dust.
5	Planning	604c.(2).V. Development From Existing Well Pads: Drilling from an existing well pad was not feasible for the development of the wells on this proposed oil and gas location; however, this well pad will be considered for future well locations.
6	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.

7	General Housekeeping	604c.(2).O. Loadlines: All loadlines shall be bullplugged or capped.
8	General Housekeeping	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.
9	Storm Water/Erosion Control	604c.(2).W. Site-Specific Measures: KMG maintains a Stormwater Management Plan that assesses erosion control for every KMG operated location. This location will be added to this plan once construction begins. This site will be inspected every fourteen (14) days during construction activities, every thirty (30) days after construction is completed, and after any major weather event.
10	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	604c.(2).N. Control of Fire Hazards: KMG and its contractors will employ best management practices during the drilling and production of its wells and facilities and will comply with appropriate COGCC rules concerning safety and fire. KMG will ensure that any material that might be deemed a fire hazard will remain no less than twenty-five (25) feet from the wellhead(s), tanks and separator(s).
11	Construction	604c.(2).M. Fencing Requirements: The completed wellsites will be surrounded with a fence and gate with adequate lock to restrict access to authorized personnel only. KMG personnel will monitor the wellsites regularly upon completion of the wells. Authorized representatives and/or KMG personnel shall be on-site during drilling and completion operations.
12	Noise mitigation	604c.(2).A. Noise: Pending a safety review after construction of the location, sound mitigation barriers (hay bales) will be placed along the southern and eastern sides of the pad location to damper noise during drilling and completions to the nearby building units. Sound surveys that have been conducted on each rig type are utilized to anticipate any additional noise mitigation once a drilling rig is determined.
13	Drilling/Completion Operations	Kerr McGee acknowledges and will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring during Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated May 29, 2012.
14	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Prior to drilling operations, Operator may perform an anti-collision review of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision review may include MWD or gyro surveys and surface locations 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 may only be drilled if the anti-collision review results indicate that the risk of collision is sufficiently low as defined by the anti-collision plan, with separation factors greater than 1.5, or if the risk of collision has been mitigated through other means including shutting in wells, plugging wells, increased drilling fluid in the event of lost returns or as is appropriate for the specific situation. In the event of an increased risk of collision, that risk will be mitigated to prevent harm to people, the environment or property. For the proposed well, upon conclusion of drilling operations, an as-constructed directional survey will be submitted to COGCC with the Form 5.</p> <p>Please see the attached 318A.n letter for a list of well(s) identified by the operator as being within 150 feet of the proposed well(s). If no letter is attached, the operator has not identified any wells as being within 150 feet of the proposed well(s) at the time of permitting.</p>
15	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).B. Closed Loop Drilling System: KMG will use a closed loop or "pitless" system for drilling and fluid management and will not construct a reserve pit.
16	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).I. BOPE Testing for Drilling Operations: Upon initial rig-up, BOPEs will be tested at a minimum of every 30 days.
17	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).J. BOPE for Well Servicing Operations: Blowout prevention equipment will be used on any servicing operations associated with this well. Backup stabbing valves will be used during any future servicing operations during reverse circulation. Valves shall be pressure tested before each well servicing operation using low-pressure air and high-pressure fluid.
18	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).K. Pit Level Indicators: All tanks (used in lieu of pits) contain pit level monitors with Electronic Drilling Recorders (EDR). KMG uses EDRs with pit level monitor(s) and alarm(s) for production rigs. Basic level gauges are used on tanks utilized for the surface rig.

19	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).L. Drill Stem Tests: No drill stem tests are planned and none will be performed without prior approval from the Director.
20	Drilling/Completion Operations	604c.(2).H. BOPE: Our rigs at a minimum will have a double ram with blind and pipe ram; and annular preventer.
21	Final Reclamation	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.
22	Final Reclamation	604c.(2).U. Identification of Plugged and Abandoned Wells: Pursuant to rule 319.a.(5)., once the well has been plugged and abandoned, KMG will identify the location of the wellbore with a permanent monument that will detail the well name and date of plugging.

Total: 22 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

Att Doc Num	Name
1696528	ANTI-COLLISION WAIVER
2483357	SURFACE CASING CHECK
400766507	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
400769517	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400769518	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400769520	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400769527	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
400771271	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400771276	OTHER
400774805	OFFSET WELL EVALUATION
400774809	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400774813	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
400774871	WELL LOCATION PLAT

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.	3/31/2015 8:20:12 AM
Permit	Per operator changed the Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Wellbore Permitted or Completed in same formation and Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation from 218' to 96'. Attached corrected Anti-Collision letter. Permit Review Complete.	3/31/2015 8:20:11 AM
Permit	Added corrected lease description per operator. ON HOLD Requesting corrected Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Wellbore Permitted or Completed in same formation and Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation. Requesting Anti-Collision letter.	3/30/2015 2:08:21 PM
Engineer	Offset wells evaluated.	3/19/2015 2:45:24 PM
Permit	Permitting Review Complete.	3/17/2015 1:17:45 PM
Permit	Operator requested Exception to Open Hole Logging Rule 317.p. See attached.	3/17/2015 1:17:43 PM
Permit	Passed completeness.	1/28/2015 8:20:17 AM

Total: 7 comment(s)