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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:  
07/28/2015

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

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Well Name: Wells Ranch      Well Number: AA22-674  
Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC      COGCC Operator Number: 100322  
Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER      State: CO      Zip: 80202  
Contact Name: Andrea Rawson      Phone: (303)228-4253      Fax: (303)228-4286  
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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NENE      Sec: 21      Twp: 6N      Rng: 63W      Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.476360      Longitude: -104.434020

Footage at Surface: 1085 feet      FNL/FSL FNL 401 feet FEL/FWL FEL

Field Name: WATTENBERG      Field Number: 90750  
Ground Elevation: 4713      County: WELD

GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 11/24/2014    PDOP Reading: 2.3    Instrument Operator's Name: Adam Beauprez

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

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FNL 750 FWL      Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FNL 235 FWL  
1034      1034      235  
Sec: 22      Twp: 6N      Rng: 63W      Sec: 23      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 22: NW/4.

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: 913 Feet  
 Building Unit: 2292 Feet  
 High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet  
 Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet  
 Public Road: 1073 Feet  
 Above Ground Utility: 1060 Feet  
 Railroad: 5280 Feet  
 Property Line: 135 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: 218 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 750 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

**SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS**

Unit Configuration = T6N-R63W, Sec 22 N/2, Sec 23 W/2NW/4.

**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           |                         | 400                           | GWA                                  |

**DRILLING PROGRAM**

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11804 Feet

Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating objective formation: 0 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   | 26           | 16             | 0     | 0             | 80            | 6         | 80      | 0       |
| SURF        | 13+3/4       | 9+5/8          | 36    | 0             | 600           | 237       | 600     | 0       |
| 1ST         | 8+3/4        | 7              | 26    | 0             | 7001          | 580       | 7001    |         |
| 1ST LINER   | 6+1/8        | 4+1/2          | 11.6  | 6851          | 11804         |           |         |         |

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

First string top of cement = 200' above the Niobrara formation. The production liner will be hung off inside of the 7" casing string. 3 Well Pad includes Wells Ranch AA22-688, Wells Ranch 22-683, and Wells Ranch AA22-674. Noble Energy shall isolate the Upper Pierre Aquifer from the Fox Hills Aquifer with surface casing and cement and utilize intermediate casing and cement to ensure isolation from below.  
Nearest well in the same formation: Wells Ranch PC AA22-01 calculated from footages. Nearest off-set Operated Well: Wells Ranch 14-15 (PDC) 123-22335, SWSW 15, 6N63W calculated from footages

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: Andrea Rawson

Title: Regulatory Analyst I Date: 7/28/2015 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:  Director of COGCC Date: 10/18/2015

Expiration Date: 10/17/2017

API NUMBER

05 123 42306 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.

COA Type

Description

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | 1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU.<br>2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from the end of the 7" casing to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.<br>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 acknowledges the proximity of the listed well. Operator agrees to provide mitigation Option 1 or 2 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit a Form 42 "OFFSET MITIGATION COMPLETED" for the remediated well, 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 the proposed wells.<br><br>Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-2 (API #123-25267)<br>Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-19 (API #123-25049)<br>Wells Ranch-USX AA 27-17 (API #123-25048) |

### Best Management Practices

| No | BMP/COA Type                           | Description   |
|----|--|---|
| 1  | General Housekeeping                   | <p><b>GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:</b><br/> Housekeeping will consist of neat and orderly storage of materials and fluids. Wastes will be temporarily stored in sealed containers and regularly collected and disposed of at offsite, suitable facilities. If spills occur prompt cleanup is required to minimize any commingling of waste materials with stormwater runoff. Routine maintenance will be limited to fueling and lubrication of equipment. Drip pans will be used during routine fueling and maintenance to contain spills or leaks. Any waste product from maintenance will be containerized and transported offsite for disposal or recycling. There will be no major equipment overhauls conducted onsite. Equipment will be transported offsite for major overhauls. Cleanup of trash and discarded materials will be conducted at the end of each work day. Cleanup will consist of patrolling the roadway, access areas, and other work areas to pickup trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.</p>                |
| 2  | Storm Water/Erosion Control            | <p><b>STORM WATER/EROSION CONTROL:</b><br/> Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil &amp; Gas development throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) General Permit No. COR-038637. BMP's will be constructed around the perimeter of the site prior to, or at the beginning of construction. BMP's used will vary according to the location, and will remain in place until the pad reaches final reclamation.</p>  |
| 3  | Material Handling and Spill Prevention | <p>Spill prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil &amp; Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.</p>   |
| 4  | Drilling/Completion Operations         | <p>If a skid is performed for the subject well, then the only required BOPE tests are for the BOPE connection bonnet seal breaks, as long as a full BOPE test was performed at the beginning of the pad, and as long as all necessary BOPE tests are completed at least every 30 days during the pad operations. If a skid is performed for the subject well, then the only required BOPE tests are for the BOPE connection bonnet seal breaks, as long as a full BOPE test was performed at the beginning of the pad, and as long as all necessary BOPE tests are completed at least every 30 days during the pad operations.</p>  |
| 5  | Drilling/Completion Operations         | <p>One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with open hole Resistivity Log and Gamma Ray Log from the kick-off point into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a cement bond log with gamma-ray run on production casing (or on intermediate casing if production liner is run) into the surface casing. The horizontal portion of every well will be logged with a measured-while-drilling gamma-ray log. The Form 5, Completion Report, for each well on the pad will list all logs run and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for a well without open-hole logs shall clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify (by API#, well name &amp; number) the well in which open hole logs were run</p>  |
| 6  | Drilling/Completion Operations         | <p><b>Anti-collision:</b><br/> 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.</p> <p><b>During and Post stimulation:</b><br/> Noble Energy will comply with the COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated 5/29/12</p> |

Total: 6 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**

| <b>Att Doc Num</b> | <b>Name</b>                |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 400832297          | FORM 2 SUBMITTED           |
| 400868131          | DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN     |
| 400868135          | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY       |
| 400868138          | DIRECTIONAL DATA           |
| 400868152          | PROPOSED SPACING UNIT      |
| 400874220          | OffsetWellEvaluations Data |
| 400874222          | EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS      |
| 400874223          | EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS      |
| 400879637          | WELL LOCATION PLAT         |
| 400883550          | EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST      |
| 400884492          | EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST      |

Total Attach: 11 Files

### **General Comments**

| <b>User Group</b> | <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Comment Date</b>      |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Permit            | Final review complete.   | 10/16/2015<br>2:16:59 PM |
| Permit            | Operator removed open hole logging exception letter and revised logging BMP.   | 9/28/2015<br>1:00:20 PM  |
| Permit            | Rule 317.p exception request letter is invalid. Request is based on log 2300' south. Contacted operator to correct letter.   | 9/10/2015<br>1:33:48 PM  |
| Engineer          | Changed "Distance to nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating the objective formation:" due to surface projection of lines crossing.   | 9/4/2015 2:41:12<br>PM   |
| Permit            | Passed completeness.   | 8/19/2015<br>1:11:49 PM  |
| Permit            | Returned to draft per Permitting Supervisor request.   | 8/12/2015<br>9:35:58 AM  |
| Permit            | Returned to draft.<br>1.) Well Location Plat does not show the top of the production interval.<br>2.) Document number should be included with the well name on the Open Hole Logging Exception attachment.<br>3.) Exception Location Request attachment has the distance from a property line listed as 150 inches rather than 150 feet, and the reason for the request should be stated in the Exception Location Request attachment.<br>4.) In the Exceptions tab Rule 603.a.(2) is not selected.<br>5.) The Spacing & Formations/Drilling & Waste Plans are missing the distance to the nearest permitted or existing wellbore penetrating the proposed objective formation | 8/3/2015<br>11:39:01 AM  |

Total: 7 comment(s)