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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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**(SUBMITTED)**

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

☒ Drill ☐ Deepen ☐ Re-enter ☐ Recomplete and Operate

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ Refilling ☐  
ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐ Sidetrack ☐

Date Received:

Well Name: Wells Ranch State Well Number: BB05-690  
Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC COGCC Operator Number: 100322  
Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202  
Contact Name: Susan Miller Phone: (303)228-4246 Fax: ( )  
Email: susan.miller@nblenergy.com

RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: Lot 4 Sec: 3 Twp: 5N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.433720 Longitude: -104.430070  
Footage at Surface: 705 feet FNL/FSL FNL 692 feet FEL/FWL FWL  
Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750  
Ground Elevation: 4780 County: WELD  
GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 08/19/2015 PDOP Reading: 2.0 Instrument Operator's Name: Casey Kohout  
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  
2 FNL 97 FWL 1 FNL 535 FWL  
Sec: 3 Twp: 5N Rng: 63W Sec: 5 Twp: 5N 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: Yes

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.)

T5N-R63W, Section 3: All.

Total Acres in Described Lease: 640 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: 3241 Feet  
Building Unit: 4102 Feet  
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet  
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet  
Public Road: 5280 Feet  
Above Ground Utility: 3717 Feet  
Railroad: 5280 Feet  
Property Line: 692 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 proposed wellbore to nearest completed portion of offset wellbore permitted or completed in the same formation: 329 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 535 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

## SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Spacing Unit Configuration: NW/4NW/4 Sec 3, N/2N/2 Sec 4, N/2N/2 Sec 5, T5N-R63W; S/2S/2 Sec 32, S/2S/2 Sec 33, SW/4SW/4 Sec 34, T6N-R63W. Spacing Unit contains State minerals, Lease No. 81/6521-S, Lease No. 81/6525-S.

## 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		724	GWA

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 17200 Feet

Distance from proposed wellbore to nearest existing or permitted wellbore belonging to another operator:

513 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	42	0	80	6	80	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	550	173	550	0
1ST	8+3/4	7	26	0	7164	537	7164	
1ST LINER	6+1/8	4+1/2	11.6	7014	17200			

☐ 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 will be 200' above the Niobrara formation. The production liner will be hung off inside of the 7" casing string. 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. Three well pad consists of: Wells Ranch State BB05-690 Pad, doc no. 400943047, Wells Ranch State BB05-685, doc no. 400943536, Wells Ranch State BB05-678, doc no. 400943598. The nearest well in the same formation = proposed pad well, Wells Ranch State BB05-685, Noble; Nearest well belonging to another Operator = State 21-4, API No. 05-123-20930, PDC Energy, Inc. Please note, the surface location of the proposed three wells is located in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 3; but "Lot 4" will be used since it is noted on the Well Location Certificate and the COGCC online map.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan \_\_\_\_\_ CDP #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location ID: 310373

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: Susan Miller

Title: Regulatory Analyst III Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: Regulatorynotification@nblener

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

05

## 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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## Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Planning	One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with cased-hole pulsed neutron log with gamma ray log from TD to 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 shall clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall reference the Rule 317.p Exception granted for the well.
2	General Housekeeping	General 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 pick up trash, scrap debris, other discarded materials, and any contaminated soil. These materials will be disposed of properly.
3	Storm Water/Erosion Control	Stormwater management plans (SWMP) are in place to address construction, drilling and operations associated with Oil & Gas development throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and 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.
4	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) plans are in place to address any possible spill associated with Oil & Gas operations throughout the state of Colorado in accordance with CFR 112.
5	Drilling/Completion 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. 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.

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## Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
400965450	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400965454	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
400965457	DIRECTIONAL DATA
400965531	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
401004906	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
401081778	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
401081804	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
401081808	WELL LOCATION PLAT
401084362	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY

Total Attach: 9 Files

## General Comments

User Group

Comment

Comment Date

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