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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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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 ☐

Well Name: Wells Ranch State

Well Number: AA33-750

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC

COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Jan Kajiwar

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SESW Sec: 21 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.465550

Longitude: -104.441810

Footage at Surface: 255 Feet FNL/FSL FSL 2502 Feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4720

County: WELD

GPS Data:

Date of Measurement: 06/16/2015 PDOP Reading: 1.5 Instrument Operator's Name: Chase Miller

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
462 FNL 2617 FWL 535 FSL 2613 FEL
Sec: 28 Twp: 6N Rng: 63W Sec: 33 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.)

6N-63W Sec 28: All

Total Acres in Described Lease: 640 Described Mineral Lease is: ☐ Fee ☒ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # 81/6524-S

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 0 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 2720 Feet
Building Unit: 4403 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 3565 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 4304 Feet
Railroad: 5280 Feet
Property Line: 94 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: 322 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 462 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Unit Configuration = 6N-63W Sec 28: E/2W/2, W/2E/2, Sec 33: E/2W/2, W/2E/2

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		640	GWA

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 16508 Feet

Distance from the proposed wellbore to nearest existing or proposed wellbore belonging to another operator, including plugged wells:

Enter distance if less than or equal to 1,500 feet: 373 Feet ☐ No well belonging to another operator within 1,500 feet

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:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted?

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
CONDUCTOR	26	16	42	0	80	6	80	0
SURF	13+3/4	9+5/8	36	0	1850	535	1850	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	20	0	16508	1722		

☐ 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 3 well Pad Wells Ranch State AA33-755 (ref) (400939978), AA33-750 (400939981), AA33-744 (400939982). Facility: Wells Ranch State AA33-735 Multi (400939971). Nearest well calculated using COGCC data = Pad Well-Wells Ranch State AA33-750. Nearest outside operated well calculated using COGCC data = PDC Operated-State 6524 21-28 (05-123-20877). Noble Energy, Inc. intends to permit this well as a monobore. No intermediate casing will be run. The surface casing will be set to cover the base of the Pierre Aquifer for Oil Based Mud considerations. Oil Based Mud will be planned for the production hole interval only. Noble Energy shall isolate both the Fox Hills and Upper Pierre Aquifers with surface casing from hydrocarbon bearing zones and exposure to oil based drilling fluid. Noble Energy also agrees to not expose the Upper Pierre Aquifer to oil based mud. All cuttings will be taken to a certified disposal.

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: Jan Kajiwara

Title: Regulatory Analyst III Date: 9/28/2016 Email: regulatorynotification@nblener

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: 11/18/2016

Expiration Date: 11/17/2018

API NUMBER

05 123 43873 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

	<p>1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU for the first well activity with a rig on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice for each subsequent well drilled on the pad.</p> <p>2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from TD to a minimum of 200' above the Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log.</p> <p>3) Oil-based drilling fluid is to be used only after all aquifers are covered</p>
	<p>Bradenhead tests shall be performed and reported according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test:</p> <p>1) Within 60 days of rig release and prior to stimulation and</p> <p>2) If a delayed completion, 6-7 months after rig release and prior to stimulation.</p> <p>3) Within 30 days after first production, as reported on Form 5A.</p>
	<p>1) Prior to stimulation, a bradenhead test shall be performed on the Wells Ranch USX AA 33-17 (API #123-25050). If any pressure remains at the conclusion of the test or any liquids were present call COGCC Engineer for sampling requirements. Form 17 shall be submitted within 10 days of the test.</p>
	<p>Middle Pad (3 Wells):</p> <p>Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed non operated well(s). 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 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 the proposed wells.</p> <p>State 31-4 (API #123-20936)</p> <p>State Lease 23-28 (API #123-14317)</p> <p>State 6524 24-28 (API #123-20694)</p>

Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	General Housekeeping	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.
2	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) 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 and maintained until the pad reaches final reclamation.
3	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.
4	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.
5	Drilling/Completion Operations	One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Cased hole Pulsed Neutron Log with Gamma Ray Log from the kick-off point 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 in that well and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for each well shall clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall reference the Rule 317.p Exception granted for the well.

Total: 5 comment(s)

Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Policy
Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection. http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400939981	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
401099677	DIRECTIONAL DATA
401099683	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
401099684	WELL LOCATION PLAT
401099711	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
401099739	VARIANCE REQUEST
401099742	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
401099744	WAIVERS
401099745	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
401119295	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
401120074	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
401120193	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT

Total Attach: 12 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed.	11/15/2016
Permit	SLB was notified the Wells Ranch State pads are being processed. The 3 pads are located in Section 21 T6N-R63W with a wellbore that passes thru Section 28 which is all state minerals.	11/03/2016
Permit	Per operator updated the Open Hole Logging BMP. Corrected typo in unit description. Permitting Review Complete.	11/02/2016
Permit	Operator requested Exception to Open Hole Logging Rule 317.p. See attached.	11/02/2016
Permit	Passed completeness.	10/07/2016

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