

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

Drill Deepen Re-enter Recomplete and Operate

Date Received:
11/30/2016

TYPE OF WELL OIL GAS COALBED OTHER _____

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONES COMMINGLE ZONES

Refiling
Sidetrack

Well Name: Wells Ranch Well Number: AF07-631

Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC COGCC Operator Number: 100322

Address: 1625 BROADWAY STE 2200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Jan Kajiwara Phone: (303)228-4092 Fax: ()

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20030009

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SESE Sec: 8 Twp: 5N Rng: 62W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.410350 Longitude: -104.338300

Footage at Surface: 1275 Feet FNL/FSL FSL 175 Feet FEL/FWL FEL

Field Name: WATTENBERG Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4713 County: WELD

GPS Data:
Date of Measurement: 09/17/2015 PDOP Reading: 2.3 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 FEL/FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FEL/FWL

1415 FSL 443 FEL 1415 FSL 535 FWL

Sec: 8 Twp: 5N Rng: 62W Sec: 7 Twp: 5N Rng: 62W

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: oil and gas lease

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.)

S/2 Sec. 8-T5N-R62W

Total Acres in Described Lease: 320 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: 5280 Feet

Building Unit: 5280 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 5280 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 1324 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 175 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: 415 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: T5N-R62W Sec. 7: S/2; Sec. 8: S/2; Sec. 9: W/2SW/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 | | 720 | GWA |

DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 15982 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: 1273 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 | 40 | 0 | 80 | 6 | 80 | 0 |
| SURF | 13+1/2 | 9+5/8 | 36 | 0 | 1850 | 658 | 1850 | 0 |
| 1ST | 8+1/2 | 5+1/2 | 20 | 0 | 15982 | 2058 | | |

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 The following four wells: Wells Ranch AF07-638 (400951225), AF07-631 (40951224), AF07-625 (400951223), AF07-618 (400951222), will be sharing the same pad, AF08-16 Pad (400954504) with three other wells: Wells Ranch State AF09-640 Ref (400954476), AF09-628 (400954552), AF09-618 (400954838).

Nearest well calculated using COGCC data = pad well Wells Ranch AF07-638. Nearest outside operated well using COGCC data= PDC Operated Wells Ranch 43-12 (05-123-30707). 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.

SUA attached for informational purposes.

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: 11/30/2016 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: *Matthew Lee* Director of COGCC Date: 2/17/2017

Expiration Date: 02/16/2019

API NUMBER
05 123 44241 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

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| | <p>Bradenhead tests shall be performed and reported according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Within 60 days of rig release and prior to stimulation or2) If a delayed completion, 6-7 months after rig release and prior to stimulation.3) Within 30 days after first production, as reported on Form 5A. |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU (Spud Notice), for the first well/activity on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice for all subsequent wells drilled on the pad.2) Comply with Rule 317.j and provide cement coverage from the end of production casing to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. |
| | <p>Operator acknowledges the proximity of the listed non-operated wells: Operator agrees to: provide mitigation option 3 (per the DJ Basin Horizontal Offset Policy) to mitigate the situation, ensure all applicable documentation is submitted based on the selected mitigation option chosen, and submit a Form 42 ("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 these wells.</p> <p>JUDE 1 (API NO 123-10501) BROWN & MANNING 1 (API NO 123-05188)</p> |

Best Management Practices

| No | BMP/COA Type | Description |
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| 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 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 & number) the well in which open hole logs were run. |

Total: 5 comment(s)

Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

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

Attachment Check List

| Att Doc Num | Name |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 400951224 | FORM 2 SUBMITTED |
| 401153945 | DIRECTIONAL DATA |
| 401153949 | WELL LOCATION PLAT |
| 401153950 | DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN |
| 401153951 | PROPOSED SPACING UNIT |
| 401153952 | EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS |
| 401153954 | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY |
| 401155500 | EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST |
| 401158055 | OffsetWellEvaluations Data |
| 401213770 | OFFSET WELL EVALUATION |

Total Attach: 10 Files

General Comments

| <u>User Group</u> | <u>Comment</u> | <u>Comment Date</u> |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Permit | Final Review Completed. | 02/16/2017 |
| Permit | Permitting Review Complete. | 02/02/2017 |
| Permit | Open Hole Logging BMP submitted by operator. | 02/02/2017 |
| Engineer | Offset Wells Evaluated | 12/06/2016 |
| Permit | Passed completeness. | 12/02/2016 |

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