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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location Refile Amend Existing Location Location#: _____

This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified Location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

Expiration Date:

This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

CONSULTATION

This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # _____

This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.

This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.

This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

Operator

Operator Number: 69175

Name: PDC ENERGY INC

Address: 1775 SHERMAN STREET - STE 3000

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203

Contact Information

Name: Ally Gale

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20160047

Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Thistle Down

Number: 5N64W31H

County: WELD

Quarter: NESW Section: 31 Township: 5N Range: 64W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 4805

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 1504 feet FSL from North or South section line

1357 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.352560 Longitude: -104.597170

PDOP Reading: 1.2 Date of Measurement: 12/07/2016

Instrument Operator's Name: Brian Rottinghaus

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Thistle Down, Inc

Phone: 701-770-1238

Address: 22019 County Road 54

Fax: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City: Greeley State: CO Zip: 80631

Surface Owner: Fee State Federal Indian

Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: is the mineral owner

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 from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes

The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 06/30/2016

CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: Irrigated Dry land Improved Pasture Hay Meadow CRP

Non-Crop Land: Rangeland Timber Recreational Other (describe): _____

Subdivided: Industrial Commercial Residential

Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: Irrigated Dry land Improved Pasture Hay Meadow CRP

Non-Crop Land: Rangeland Timber Recreational Other (describe): _____

Subdivided: Industrial Commercial Residential

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Provide the distance to the nearest cultural feature as measured from Wells or Production Facilities onsite.

| | From WELL | From PRODUCTION FACILITY |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Building: | 1195 Feet | 1338 Feet |
| Building Unit: | 1195 Feet | 1338 Feet |
| High Occupancy Building Unit: | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet |
| Designated Outside Activity Area: | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet |
| Public Road: | 1338 Feet | 1248 Feet |
| Above Ground Utility: | 1093 Feet | 878 Feet |
| Railroad: | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet |
| Property Line: | 469 Feet | 253 Feet |

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- 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.
- For measurement purposes only, Production Facilities should only include those items with an asterisk(*) on the Facilities Tab.

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.
- Large UMA Facility - 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: _____

FOR MULTI-WELL PADS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHIN DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATIONS ONLY:

- Check this box if this Oil and Gas Location has or will have Production Facilities that serve multiple wells (on or offsite) and the Production Facilities are proposed to be located less than 1,000 feet from a Building Unit. *(Pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i., the operator must evaluate alternative locations for the Production Facilities that are farther from the Building Unit, and determine whether those alternative locations were technically feasible and economically practicable for the same proposed development.)*
- By checking this box, I certify that no alternative placements for the Production Facilities, farther from the nearest Building Unit, were available based on the analysis conducted pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i.

In the space below, explain rationale for siting the multi-well Production Facility(ies) that supports your Rule 604.c.(2)E.i determination. Attach documentation that supports your determination to this Form 2A.

SOIL

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.org/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: 48- Olney fine sandy loam, 3-5%

NRCS Map Unit Name: 57- Renohill clay loam, 3-9%

NRCS Map Unit Name: 45- Olney loamy sand, 3-5%

PLANT COMMUNITY:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes No

Plant species from: NRCS or, field observation Date of observation: _____

List individual species:

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- Native Grassland (Bluestem, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)
- Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)
- Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)
- Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)
- Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)
- Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)
- Alpine (above timberline)
- Other (describe): _____

WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: No Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 430 Feet

water well: 1657 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 71 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Sensitive area determination: ground water is more than 20'. Depth to ground water determination: Based on the static water level of the nearby water well permit number 163299.

Is the location in a riparian area: No Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed No Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer No zone:

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified: _____

Is the Location within a Floodplain? No Yes Floodplain Data Sources Reviewed (check all that apply)

Federal (FEMA)

State

County

Local

Other

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

WILDLIFE

This location is included in a Wildlife Mitigation Plan

This location was subject to a pre-consultation meeting with CPW held on _____

Operator Proposed Wildlife BMPs

No BMP

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of a Building Unit) and is in an Urban Mitigation Area
- 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)

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number _____

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 MLVTs will be onsite for 180 days and contain 53,000 bbls per tank. MLVT manufacturers currently used by PDC are Industrial Systems Inc. (ISI) and PCI Manufacturing.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: 04/25/2017 Email: alexandria.gale@pdce.com

Print Name: Ally Gale Title: Regulatory Technician

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: _____

Conditions Of Approval

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.

| COA Type | Description |
|----------|-------------|
| | |

Best Management Practices

| No | BMP/COA Type | Description |
|----|--------------|--|
| 1 | Construction | <p>PDC Energy, Inc. (PDC) has developed Best Management Practices (BMPS) to prevent injuries, property damage or environmental impacts and a Contingency Plan for any Modular Large Volume Tank (MLVT) leak or catastrophic failure of the tank integrity and resulting loss of fluid. These BMPs include, but not limited, by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) PDC determines MLVT locations based on size of location, nearby surface waters, site visibility, surrounding land use, property lines, onsite traffic, site security, tear-away tank fill connections, topography (high, low, slope, direction), nearby building units, roads, access points, and surface owner requests. 2) Signs shall be posted on each MLVT to indicate that the contents are fresh water and that no E&P waste fluids are allowed. Location and additional signage shall conform to Rule 210. 3) MLVTs will be operated with a minimum of 1 foot freeboard at all times. 4) Access to the tanks shall be limited to operational personnel. 5) Construction and installation of the tank structure, liner and sub-grade shall meet or exceed the manufacturer specifications. PDC follows manufacturer's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and will provide these SOPs upon request to the COGCC. 6) PDC will conduct daily, visual inspections of the exterior wall and general area for any integrity deficiencies before, during, and after filling the MLVTs. PDC uses Construction Sign-Off, Site Preparation Sign-Off, Completion Sign-Off, Pre-Fill, and Site Visit checklists to maintain a written record of inspections. However, when the fluid level in the MLVTs is less than two (2) feet and there is no activity going on (i.e. during holidays or a small break between completions), only intermittent inspections will be conducted. Two feet is the safe volume of fluid level that is needed to hold the liner down and keep the MLVT stable. 7) Each location where MLVT's are used will have its own set of unique site-specific characteristics and associated risks (e.g., rural vs. urban setting, grade of the location, etc.) to be considered in a worst case scenario. These characteristics must be identified and addressed prior to the MLVT construction phase and should be documented in the MLVT construction checklist. Ensuring the safety of our employees, contractors, and the public are a top priority. This can be addressed with the implementation of MLVT pre-construction risk assessment measures to address safety concerns, and minimize environmental impacts and property damage in the unlikely event of a MLVT release. 8) In the event of a catastrophic MLVT failure, the Operator shall notify the COGCC as soon as practicable but not more than 24 hours after discovery, submit a Form 22-Accident Report within 10 days after discovery, conduct a "root cause analysis", and provide same to COGCC on a Form 4-Sundry Notice within 30 days of the failure. 9) The MLVT shall be constructed and operated in accordance with a design package certified and sealed by a Licensed Professional Engineer either in Colorado or the state where the MLVT was designed or manufactured. 10) COGCC Rules 605.a.(3,5,6,7, and 8), as applicable to tank setbacks at the time of installation shall apply to the siting of this MLVT. 11) All MLVT liner seams shall be welded and tested in accordance with applicable ASTM international standards. Any repairs to liners shall be made using acceptable practices and applicable standards. 12) PDC Energy Inc. hereby certifies to the Director that the Modular Large Volume Tanks, utilized for the afore mentioned location, will be designed and implemented consistent with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission policy dated June 13, 2014. <p>MLVT Certification PDC Energy Inc. hereby certifies to the Director that the Modular Large Volume Tanks, utilized for the afore mentioned location, will be designed and implemented consistent with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission policy dated June 13, 2014.</p> |

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Attachment Check List

| <u>Att Doc Num</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 401261584 | FORM 2A SUBMITTED |
| 401261648 | ACCESS ROAD MAP |
| 401261652 | HYDROLOGY MAP |
| 401261653 | LOCATION DRAWING |
| 401261664 | MULTI-WELL PLAN |
| 401261665 | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC |
| 401261667 | OTHER |
| 401261669 | WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN |
| 401261670 | LEAK DETECTION PLAN |
| 401276086 | LOCATION PICTURES |
| 401276087 | SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY |

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General Comments

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