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# State of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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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: Wilmoth

Number: 4N64W5J

County: WELD

Quarter: NWNW    Section: 5    Township: 4N    Range: 64W    Meridian: 6    Ground Elevation: 4738

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: 994 feet FNL from North or South section line

1100 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.345760      Longitude: -104.579520

PDOP Reading: 1.2      Date of Measurement: 11/03/2016

Instrument Operator's Name: Brian Rottingaus



## SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Wilmoth Farms 3-W, LLC

Phone: 402-475-7082

Address: 1023 Lincoln Mall #201

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Lincoln State: NE Zip: 68508

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: oil and gas lease

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

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 10/12/2016

## 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 | 860 Feet                 |
| Building Unit:                    | 1196 Feet | 925 Feet                 |
| High Occupancy Building Unit:     | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet                |
| Designated Outside Activity Area: | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet                |
| Public Road:                      | 981 Feet  | 716 Feet                 |
| Above Ground Utility:             | 1019 Feet | 699 Feet                 |
| Railroad:                         | 5280 Feet | 5280 Feet                |
| Property Line:                    | 994 Feet  | 730 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: 01/06/2017

## 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.

This was the best location for the production facility due to the setbacks from the waste ditch to the south. The production facility was moved as far as possible from the BUs to the North and Northwest, putting it adjacent to the proposed well pad.

## 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: 47- Olney Fine Sandy loam, 1-3%

NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NRCS Map Unit Name:

### 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: 806 Feet

water well: 3243 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 9 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

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 zone: No

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.

Nine temporary water tanks will be onsite during the initial production phase of the well, estimated time 6-9 months.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 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

| COA Type | Description |
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### Best Management Practices

#### No BMP/COA Type

#### Description

| No BMP/COA Type | Description   |
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| 1               | Traffic control   |
|                 | 604c.(2).D. Traffic Plan: Traffic Control Plan was deemed unnecessary by Local Control Government |

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| 2  | General Housekeeping                   | 604c.(2).N. Control of Fire Hazards: PDC will ensure that any material that might be deemed a fire hazard will be will remain no less than twenty-five (25) feet from the wellhead(s), tanks and separator(s). PDC installs automation equipment for tank level and pressure monitoring inside the bermed area that complies with API RP 500 classifications and with the current national electrical code as adopted by the State of Colorado.   |
| 3  | General Housekeeping                   | 604c.(2).P. Removal of Surface Trash: A commercial size trash bin for removing debris will be located on site. This bin will be for use by all parties affiliated with the operation.   |
| 4  | Storm Water/Erosion Control            | This Stormwater Management Plan contains required elements associated with PDC's construction activities, as defined in the CDPS General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Authorization to Discharge Under the Colorado Discharge Permit System (Permit No. COR-030000, re-issued and effective July 1, 2007).BMPs for sediment and erosion control will be accomplished through a combination of construction techniques, vegetation and re-vegetation, administrative controls, and structural features.   |
| 5  | Material Handling and Spill Prevention | 604c.(2).F. Leak Detection Plan: See attached.  |
| 6  | Material Handling and Spill Prevention | To prevent adverse impacts to shallow groundwater, buried produced water vault shall be installed above an impermeable synthetic or geosynthetic liner system which shall be tied back into the surface liner.  |
| 7  | Construction                           | 604c.(2).E. Multiwell Pads: This 2A application is for a 12-well pad. Production Facility located as far away from BU's as possible (to N and NW), adjacent to well pad, thereby site able to meet drill kick limitations and acceptable setback from waste ditch to south.   |
| 8  | Construction                           | 604c.(2).G. Berm Construction: Containment berms shall be constructed of steel rings with a geosynthetic liner, designed and installed to prevent leakage and resist degradation from erosion or routine operation. Secondary containment devices shall be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material. Secondary containment at the production facility is typically inspected by PDC personnel on a daily basis. Production facilities are also inspected by a third party consultant on a 14 day or 30 day schedule as per Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) General Permit requirements for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity until the site has been sufficiently vegetated or stabilized. These sites may also be inspected by a third party consultant on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual frequency as part of the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan in accordance with COGCC Rule 1002.f. Additionally, tank batteries are inspected by a third party consultant on an annual basis for Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan compliance. Any deficiencies are relayed to appropriate PDC staff and a work order is generated to schedule necessary repairs. Due to a downgradient surface water body within 500', tertiary containment (such as an earthen berm or the like), will be installed around Production Facilities. |
| 9  | Construction                           | 604c.(2).S. Access Roads: PDC will utilize an improved lease access road off of CR 51 (gravel) for all heavy truck traffic and rig moves along with drilling operations and maintenance equipment. The lease access road will be properly constructed and maintained to accommodate for local emergency vehicle access. Dust will be mitigated as necessary on lease access road. PDC will employ practices for control of fugitive dust caused by operations, these include but are not limited to the use of speed restrictions and regular road maintenance.   |
| 10 | Construction                           | 604c.(2).V. Development From Existing Well Pads: An existing pad was not available to utilize to develop these wells.   |

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| 11 | Construction         | 604.c.(2).W. Site Specific Measures: Lights should be turned downward and away from building units within the 1,000 foot buffer area. Dust mitigation will be provided as necessary on lease access roads.  |
| 12 | Construction         | 804. Visual Impact: Production facilities, regardless of construction date, which are observable from any public highway will be painted with uniform, non-contrasting, non-reflective color tones (similar to the Munsell Soil Color Coding System), and with colors matched to but slightly darker than the surrounding landscape.  |
| 13 | Construction         | 604c.(2).K. Pit Level Indicators: PDC uses an Electronic Drilling Recorder (EDR) with pit level monitor(s) and alarm(s) for production rigs. Basic level gages are used on steel pits utilized for the surface rig.   |
| 14 | Construction         | 604c.(2).M. Fencing Requirements: The completed wellsites will be surrounded with a fence and gate. PDC personnel will monitor the wellsites regularly upon completion of the wells. Authorized representatives and/or PDC personnel shall be on-site during drilling and completion operations.  |
| 15 | Construction         | 604c.(2).O. Loadlines: All loadlines shall be bullplugged or capped.  |
| 16 | Construction         | 604c.(2).Q. Guy Line Anchors: Rig guy wires are anchored to the rig's base beam that the rig stands on, temporary and permanent anchors will not be set on this location.   |
| 17 | Construction         | 604c.(2).R. Tank Specifications: Condensate storage tanks will be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 30 (2008 version). PDC will maintain written records to verify proper design, construction and maintenance. All records will be available for inspection by the Director.  |
| 18 | Noise mitigation     | 604c.(2).A. Noise: WELL PAD: PDC has conducted baseline noise surveys for all drilling rigs that are being contracted and has also conducted a baseline noise survey for hydraulic fracture stimulation operations on a representative horizontal well. These baseline surveys are utilized for site specific noise modeling to determine if any mitigation measures are warranted. A review was conducted to identify potential receptors within 1000 feet of the proposed pad site. There are two (2) building units of concern located 925' northwest and 992' northwest. Light and sound mitigation will not be necessary. Methods of noise mitigation shall include but not be limited to hay bales, sound walls, or customized semi-trailers. PRODUCTION FACILITIES: It is not anticipated that noise mitigation will be necessary at the proposed tank battery location. After construction is completed, equipment installed and production begins, noise levels will be assessed to determine if mitigation measures will be required to be compliant with Rule 802. |
| 19 | Emissions mitigation | 604c.(2).C. Green Completions: Flowlines, 48" HLPs, sand traps all capable of supporting green completions as described in rule 805 shall be installed at any Oil and Gas location at which commercial quantities of gas and or oil are reasonably expected to be produced based on existing wells. All green completions flow back equipment will be able to handle more than 1.5 times the amount of any know volumes in the surrounding field. First sign of salable gas will be put into production equipment and turned down line.   |

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| 20 | Odor mitigation                | <p>805.b(1)-(c) Odors and Dust: Oil and gas facilities and equipment will operate in a manner that odors and dust do not constitute a nuisance or hazard to public welfare. Odors: Oil and gas operations will be in compliance with the Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Quality Control Commission, Regulation No. 2 Odor Emission, 5 C.C.R. 1001-4, Regulation No. 3 (5 C.C.R. 1001-5), and Regulation No. 7 Section XVII.B.1 (a-c) and Section XII.</p> <p>Dust; PDC will employ practices for control of fugitive dust caused by operations, these include but are not limited to the use of speed restrictions, regular road maintenance, restriction of construction activity during high-wind days, and silica dust controls when handling sand used in hydraulic fracturing operations. When necessary, PDC coordinates dust mitigation with the county on gravel roads, places road base where allowed by surface owner around tanks and wellheads to minimize dust, and will water the roads and locations when dry. In addition, automation is used on all new wells to minimize truck traffic. During winter operations normal dust abatement is not provided unless requested by surrounding land owners. Fugitive dust control will be incorporated as needed during all other months of drilling and completion operations.</p> |
| 21 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>604c.(2).I. BOPE Testing for Drilling Operations: PDC's contractors will supply a double ram BOPE (Blinds and pipes). BOPE is always function tested and all seals and ram block rubbers are inspected. After installation of the BOPE, PDCE conducts a pressure test on the BOPE at a low pressure of (200-400 psi) and a high pressure test with a third party tester, all tests are digitally recorded and any failed equipment or seals are replaced and re-tested.</p>  |
| 22 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>604c.(2).J. BOPE for Well Servicing Operations: All valves will also be tested to maximum rating by a third party prior to being delivered to location. Whenever snubbing operations are being used the snubbing stack will be pressure tested at the same time the BOPE is being tested which consist of a single pipe ram and a annular bag.</p>   |
| 23 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>604c.(2).L. Drill Stem Tests: PDC does not conduct drill stem tests, but will seek prior approval from the director if a drill stem test will be preformed.</p>  |
| 24 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>604c.(2).T. Well Site Cleared: The wellsite will be cleared of all non-essential equipment within ninety (90) days after all wells associated with the pad have been plugged and abandoned.</p>  |
| 25 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>604c.(2).U. Identification of Plugged and Abandoned Wells: Pursuant to rule 319.a. (5)., once the well has been plugged and abandoned, PDC will identify the location of the wellbore with a permanent monument that will detail the well name and date of plugging.</p>   |
| 26 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>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>  |
| 27 | Drilling/Completion Operations | <p>Operator will comply with COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area dated May 29, 2012. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has established this Policy Regarding Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments ("Treatment") in the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") pursuant to COGCC 207.a. ("Policy"). This Policy applies to oil and gas operations in the GWA as defined by the COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure.</p>   |

Total: 27 comment(s)

## Attachment Check List

| <u>Att Doc Num</u> | <u>Name</u>                                |
|--------------------|--|
| 401268486          | PRE-APPLICATION NOTIFICATION CERTIFICATION |
| 401268487          | ACCESS ROAD MAP                            |
| 401268488          | HYDROLOGY MAP                              |
| 401268489          | LOCATION DRAWING                           |
| 401268490          | LOCATION PICTURES                          |
| 401268491          | MULTI-WELL PLAN                            |
| 401268493          | OTHER                                      |
| 401268494          | NRCS MAP UNIT DESC                         |
| 401268495          | LEAK DETECTION PLAN                        |
| 401268496          | WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN                      |
| 401279494          | FACILITY LAYOUT DRAWING                    |

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