

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:**

**Drill**       Deepen       Re-enter       Recomplete and Operate

Date Received:  
06/14/2019

TYPE OF WELL    OIL     GAS     COALBED     OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE TYPE      SINGLE ZONE     MULTIPLE ZONES     COMMINGLE ZONES

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Well Name: Watermelon      Well Number: 2N

Name of Operator: PDC ENERGY INC      COGCC Operator Number: 69175

Address: 1775 SHERMAN STREET - STE 3000

City: DENVER      State: CO      Zip: 80203

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**RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE**

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20160047

**WELL LOCATION INFORMATION**

QtrQtr: NWNW      Sec: 16      Twp: 5N      Rng: 64W      Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.404160      Longitude: -104.561030

Footage at Surface:      875      Feet      FNL      958      Feet      FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG      Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4610      County: WELD

GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 02/26/2019    PDOP Reading: 1.7    Instrument Operator's Name: Scott Sherard

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

480    FNL      150    FWL      480    FNL      150    FEL

Sec: 16    Twp: 5N    Rng: 64W      Sec: 15    Twp: 5N    Rng: 64W

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

County: WELD      Municipality: N/A

Per § 34-60-106 (1)(f)(I)(A), the following questions pertain to the "local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location."

The local government with jurisdiction is: County

Does the local government with jurisdiction regulate the siting of Oil and Gas Locations, with respect to this location? If the local government does regulate the siting, but has waived its right to precede the COGCC in siting determination, indicate by selecting "YES" here and selecting "Waived" for the disposition below.       Yes  No

If yes, in checking this box, I hereby certify that an application has been filed with the local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location.     

The local government siting permit type is: WOGLA

The local government siting permit was filed on: 05/02/2019

The disposition of the application filed with the local government is: Approved

Additional explanation of local process:

WOGLA approved 9/18/19.

**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.)

5N64W-Sec. 16: ALL

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

Federal or State Lease # 81/6052-S

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

**CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION**

Distance to nearest:

Building: 402 Feet  
Building Unit: 1011 Feet  
High Occupancy Building Unit: 4474 Feet  
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet  
Public Road: 947 Feet  
Above Ground Utility: 430 Feet  
Railroad: 5280 Feet  
Property Line: 446 Feet  
School Facility: 4466 Feet  
School Property Line: 4453 Feet  
Child Care Center: 4466 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, Designated Outside Activity Area, School Facility, and Child Care Center – 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: 03/14/2019

**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: 265 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 150 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

**SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS**

DSU has been submitted, Docket #190300193

If this Form 2 is associated with a Drilling and Spacing Unit application, provide docket number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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	407-2937	1280	S15, 16: All

**DRILLING PROGRAM**

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 17230 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: 1 Feet  No well belonging to another operator within 1,500 feet

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? 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: Land application

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Drill cuttings will be land applied at PDC spread fields with COGCC Facility ID 461014

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: 461014 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
SURF	12+1/4	9+5/8	36	0	1600	920	1600	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	20	0	17230	2035	17230	

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

PDC requests an exception to rule 317.p.: PDC will run a cased hole log.

The distance to the completed portion of the nearest well on the "Spacing and Formations" tab was measured to the Watermelon 3N. The distance to the nearest wellbore belonging to another operator on the "Drilling & Waste Plans" tab was measured to the Seyler State B15-79HNM. Both distances were measured via the anti-collision report attached in the deviated drilling plan.

The subject well will have a treated interval less than 150' from the treated interval of the following wells owned by Noble. Please see the Rule 317.s Stimulation Setback Consent attached.

Patriot B16-1 (05-123-23169)  
 Cockroft B15-69-1HNM (05-123-37203)  
 Klein B16-99HZ (05-123-32650)  
 Seyler State B15-79HNM (05-123-37180)  
 Patriot B16-4 (05-123-15243)

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan       No       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: Ally Ota

Title: Regulatory Tech Date: 6/14/2019 Email: alexandria.ota@pdce.com

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, applicable orders, and SB 19-181 and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: 1/23/2020

Expiration Date: 01/22/2022

<b>API NUMBER</b> 05 123 50721 00
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### 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.**

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Drilling/Completion Operations	This Permit to Drill is approved subject to all the BMPs and COAs on the most recently approved Form 2A and any subsequently approved Form 4 for the Oil and Gas Location. The most recently approved Form 2A and any subsequent Form 4s containing applicable COAs for this location shall be posted onsite during construction, drilling, and completions operations.
Drilling/Completion Operations	1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU (spud notice) for the first well activity with a rig on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice via Form 42 for all subsequent wells drilled on the pad. 2) Comply with Rule 317.j. and provide cement coverage from TD to a minimum of 200' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. 3) Oil-based drilling fluid is to be used only after all fresh water aquifers are covered.
Drilling/Completion Operations	Operator acknowledges the proximity of the following non-operated listed wells: Operator agrees to: provide mitigation option 1 or 2 (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 this well.  123-12340 DR 2-10 123-15096 Patriot B 16-2 123-15097 Patriot B 16-8 123-15243 Patriot B 16-4 123-15561 Patriot B 16-5 123-15562 Patriot B 16-6 123-15563 Patriot B 16-7
Drilling/Completion Operations	Per COGCC Order 1-232, Bradenhead tests shall be performed according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test: 1) Within 60 days of rig release, prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 2) If a delayed completion, 6 months after rig release and prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 3) A post-production test within 60 days after first sales, as reported on the Form 10, Certificate of Clearance.

## Best Management Practices

<b>No</b>	<b>BMP/COA Type</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Drilling/Completion Operations	Operator will perform an anti-collision evaluation of all active (producing, shut in, or temporarily abandoned) offset wellbores that have the potential of being within 150 feet of a proposed well prior to drilling operations for the proposed well. Notice shall be given to all offset operators prior to drilling.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	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.
3	Drilling/Completion Operations	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION: One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with cased-hole neutron log with 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 in that well and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for each well shall state "Open Hole Logging Exception - No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify the type of log and the well (by API #) in which open-hole logs were run.

Total: 3 comment(s)

### Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.  
[http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife\\_Notice.pdf](http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf)

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.  
<http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf>

### Attachment Check List

<b>Att Doc Num</b>	<b>Name</b>
402070826	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
402071927	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
402071930	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
402071931	DIRECTIONAL DATA
402071932	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
402071933	WELL LOCATION PLAT
402071935	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
402071936	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
402071937	STIMULATION SETBACK CONSENT
402071938	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
402293249	OFFSET WELL EVALUATION

Total Attach: 11 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final Review Completed.	01/23/2020
Permit	Emailed the State Land Board (SLB) for verification of Surface Restoration Bond. SLB has verified the bond and lease where both apply.	01/21/2020
Permit	Updated that oil-based drilling fluids will be used with operator concurrence. Permitting review complete.	01/15/2020
Permit	The Objective Criteria Review Memo (Doc# 2479334) is attached to the Form 2A associated with this APD. Following additional analysis arising out of the Objective Criteria, the Director determined that this application meets the standard for the protection of public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources set by SB 19-181.	01/13/2020
Permit	Operator provided updated local government information. Added approved spacing order number. Emailed operator regarding whether oil-based drilling fluids will be used.	01/13/2020
Permit	Passed completeness.	06/20/2019

Total: 6 comment(s)