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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

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

Date Received:
10/27/2020

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☐ GAS ☒ COALBED ☐ OTHER: _____

Refiling ☒

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: ELU J14 FED Well Number: 14D-14-496
Name of Operator: CAERUS PICEANCE LLC COGCC Operator Number: 10456
Address: 1001 17TH STREET #1600
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202
Contact Name: Reed Haddock Phone: (720)880-6369 Fax: (303)565-4606
Email: rhaddock@caerusoilandgas.com

RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20130021

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: NESW Sec: 14 Twp: 4S Rng: 96W Meridian: 6
Latitude: 39.700749 Longitude: -108.136527
Footage at Surface: 1976 Feet FNL/FSL FSL 2433 Feet FEL/FWL FWL
Field Name: GRAND VALLEY Field Number: 31290
Ground Elevation: 7902 County: RIO BLANCO
GPS Data: GPS Quality Value: 1.4 Type of GPS Quality Value: PDOP Date of Measurement: 12/20/2018
Instrument Operator's Name: Dennis Petty

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
1347 FSL 1326 FWL 1316 FSL 1271 FWL
Sec: 14 Twp: 4S Rng: 96W Sec: 14 Twp: 4S Rng: 96W

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

County: RIO BLANCO 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: _____

The local government siting permit was filed on: _____

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

Additional explanation of local process:

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: applicant is owner

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.)

Sec. 14, T4S-R96W - All, and other lands.

Total Acres in Described Lease: 1890 Described Mineral Lease is: ☐ Fee ☐ State ☒ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # COC057684

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 1316 Feet

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Building Unit:	<u>5280</u> Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Public Road:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Above Ground Utility:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Railroad:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Property Line:	<u>661</u> Feet
School Facility:	<u>5280</u> Feet
School Property Line:	<u>5280</u> Feet
Child Care Center:	<u>5280</u> 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: _____

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: 260 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 1315 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): Liberty Unit Unit Number: COC069926X

SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

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.)
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WILLIAMS FORK	WMFK	1-229		
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DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 12152 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: _____ 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? No

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 609

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Recycle/reuse

Cuttings Disposal: ONSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Other

Other Disposal Description:

The cuttings will be put through shakers to minimize moisture and analyzed for Table 910-1 constituents. Cuttings that meet 910-1 levels will be backfilled into the cuttings management area along the southeastern cut portion of the pad.

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	30	20	54#	0	100	218	100	0
SURF	14+3/4	9+5/8	36#	0	3000	994	3000	0
1ST	8+3/4	4+1/2	11.6#	0	12152	1553	12152	3000

☐ 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 This pad has been built and has a valid Form 2A. It is anticipated that drilling all 29 wells on this pad will run from mid-January 2021 to December 1, 2021. This re-file request is necessary because approved permits will expire before Caerus Piceance LLC can finish drilling ALL wells permitted on the ELU J14-496 pad. This wellbore is in the 24th well slot.

Previously submitted directional plans, data, cement, and casing design stay the same. No new revisions required.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan _____ No _____ CDP #: _____

Location ID: 467272

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? _____ No _____

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

Signed: _____ Print Name: Reed Haddock

Title: Regulatory Lead Date: 10/27/2020 Email: rhaddock@caerusoilandgas.co

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: 1/13/2021

Expiration Date: 01/12/2023

API NUMBER

05 103 12366 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

Interim Reclamation	1. If conductors are preset, Operator shall comply with Notice to Operators: Procedures for Preset Conductors (dated September 1, 2016, revised October 6, 2016). 2. Operator shall comply with Notice to Operators: Interim Reclamation Procedures for Delayed Operation (dated January 5, 2017).
Drilling/Completion Operations	1) Operator shall comply with the most current revision of the Northwest Notification Policy. 2) Operator shall provide cement coverage from the production casing shoe (4+1/2" FIRST STRING) to a minimum of 200' above all Mesaverde Group (and Ohio Creek Formation, if present) oil, gas, and water-bearing sandstone and coalbed formations. Verify production casing cement coverage with a cement bond log.

Best Management Practices

No BMP/COA Type

Description

1 Planning	Alternative Logging Program: One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with open-hole resistivity log with gamma-ray log from TD 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 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 will state "Alternative Logging Program - No open-hole logs were run" and will clearly identify the type of log and the well (by API#) in which open-hole logs were run.
2 Drilling/Completion Operations	Closed loop system will be used. No pits will be built. Caerus will ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any potential volume of fluids that may be released.

Total: 2 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

Attachment List

Att Doc Num

Name

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Total Attach: 1 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Unchecked box for local permit submission - no local permit application required. Final Review Completed.	12/14/2020
Permit	COGCC conducted the technical review for the related Oil and Gas Location Assessment permit, Form 2A document #401959515 under the statutory authority provided through SB 19-181, including the Objective Criteria. The Director approved the Form 2A on 09/07/2019, establishing Location ID #467272 subject to conditions included in the permit. The well proposed by this related Form 2 was contemplated during COGCC's review of the Form 2A. The Objective Criteria Review Memo (Doc# 2108936) can be found in the document file for this location.	12/10/2020
Permit	-Corrected Well name, Surface location footages, GPS coordinates, TPZ and BHL footages, total proposed depth, distance to nearest property line, distance to nearest lease line to reflect approved Form 4 Doc#402252491 Corrections made with operator concurrence Permit review complete	12/09/2020
Engineer	Offset water well check: COGCC evaluated offset water wells within one mile of this proposed well's surface hole location. This information in addition to locally-available geophysical logs and hydrogeologic information was used to evaluate the adequacy of the operator's proposed surface casing setting depth. The deepest water well within one mile is 75 feet. None of the water wells within one mile are for domestic use. Offset Well Evaluation: There are no existing offset oil and gas wells within 1,500 feet of this wellbore. Production casing TD was changed with Operator conference to reflect depth changes submitted on sundries in December 2019.	11/04/2020
Permit	Passed Completeness.	10/30/2020
Permit	Location ID missing. Refile submit comment insufficient. Return to draft.	10/29/2020

Total: 6 comment(s)