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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

Drill       Deepen       Re-enter       Recomplete and Operate

TYPE OF WELL    OIL     GAS     COALBED     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
ZONE TYPE      SINGLE ZONE     MULTIPLE ZONES     COMMINGLE ZONES

Refiling   
Sidetrack

Date Received:  
07/29/2016

Well Name: Nelson      Well Number: 34L-241  
Name of Operator: PDC ENERGY INC      COGCC Operator Number: 69175  
Address: 1775 SHERMAN STREET - STE 3000  
City: DENVER      State: CO      Zip: 80203  
Contact Name: Kelsi Welch      Phone: (303)831-3974      Fax: ( )  
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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20160047

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: SWSW      Sec: 34      Twp: 5N      Rng: 67W      Meridian: 6  
Latitude: 40.352550      Longitude: -104.885180

Footage at Surface: 1314 Feet      FNL/FSL      FSL      940 Feet      FEL/FWL      FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG      Field Number: 90750  
Ground Elevation: 4765      County: WELD

GPS Data:  
Date of Measurement: 07/08/2016      PDOP Reading: 3.2      Instrument Operator's Name: Jim Reib

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  
503      FSL      1014      FWL      0      FNL      892      FWL  
Sec: 34      Twp: 5N      Rng: 67W      Sec: 34      Twp: 5N      Rng: 67W

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.)

T5N-R67W-Sec. 33: NW4NW4, E2SE4; 34: SW4

Total Acres in Described Lease: 280 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: 635 Feet

Building Unit: 1271 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 3956 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 537 Feet

Railroad: 853 Feet

Property Line: 940 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: 220 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 503 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

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

**SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS**

PSU: S2SW of Section 27 and W2 of Section 34 in T5N R67W

**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		400	GWA

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11928 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: 204 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? 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 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 444255, 159534, 436033.

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: 444255 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	1500	1190	1500	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	20	0	11928	2035	11928	0

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 5.5" casing string will be cemented to surface. CBL will only be run in the vertical section of the wellbore.

Both the Distance to the completed portion of the nearest well on the "Spacing & Formations" tab and the Distance to the nearest wellbore belonging to another operator on the "Drilling & Waste Plans" tab, to the Fields-Nelson 34-1 and Nelson 34-31 (P&A'd) respectively, were measured to in 2D via COGCC mapping.

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

The subject well will have a treated interval less than 150' from the treated interval of the Nelson 1 and the Nelson 34-31. Both wells are P&A'd so no stimulation setback consent is needed.

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: Kelsi Welch

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 7/29/2016 Email: kelsi.welch@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 and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved:  Director of COGCC Date: 12/6/2016

Expiration Date: 12/05/2018

### API NUMBER

05 123 43938 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.

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
	<p>Operator acknowledges the proximity of the 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.</p> <p>MCDOWELL 34-1 (API NO 123-11040) FIELDS-NELSON 34-1 (API NO 123-11508) NELSON P 34-42 (API NO 123-11562)</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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>
	<p>Bradenhead tests shall be performed and reported according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test:</p> <p>1) Within 60 days of rig release and prior to stimulation or</p> <p>2) If a delayed completion, 6-7 months after rig release and prior to stimulation.</p> <p>3) Within 30 days after first production, as reported on Form 5A.</p>

## Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	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.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	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.
3	Drilling/Completion Operations	One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with Cased hole Pulsed Neutron Log with Gamma Ray Log from 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 clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall reference the Rule 317.p Exception granted for the well.

Total: 3 comment(s)

## Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Policy
Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection. <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf">http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf</a>
Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area. <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf">http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf</a>

### Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
401065235	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
401065244	OffsetWellEvaluations Data
401065251	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
401065255	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
401065616	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
401065617	OPEN HOLE LOGGING EXCEPTION
401083862	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
401083863	DIRECTIONAL DATA
401086101	WELL LOCATION PLAT
401124256	OffsetWellEvaluations Data

Total Attach: 10 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Per operator changed distance to nearest boundary unit to 503'. Final Review Completed.	12/02/2016
Permit	Permitting Review Complete.	12/02/2016
Permit	Operator requested Exception to Open Hole Logging Rule 317.p. See attached.	12/02/2016
Permit	PDC Energy's Beneficial Reuse Facility ID #434889 (Frank #2) is no longer accepting drilling waste. The permitting staff has removed it from the Drilling & Waste plans tab.	11/07/2016
Engineer	Offset Wells Evaluated	10/04/2016
Engineer	Revised the distance from a proposed wellbore to nearest existing or permitted wellbore belonging to another operator from 146', to 204.', to the Nelson 1, on the Drilling & Waste Plans tab, the operator agreed.	10/04/2016
Engineer	Revised the surface casing setting depth from 1160' to 1500' for the monobore, adjusted the cement quantity proportionately, from 920 sacks to 1190 sacks, the operator agreed.	10/04/2016
Permit	Passed completeness.	08/16/2016
Permit	Noted corrections.	08/16/2016
Permit	Returned to draft: -- Proposed total measured depth and casing do not match directional data or deviated drilling plan. -- GPS Instrument operator's name has a typo.	08/09/2016

Total: 10 comment(s)