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SENECA ENERGY CANADA INC. APPLICATION FOR A WELL LICENCE AND A PIPELINE LICENCE AERIAL FIELD

Decision 2007-078 Applications No. 1508772 and 1510940

#### 1 DECISION

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board) has accepted Seneca Energy Canada Inc.'s (Seneca) request to withdraw the Applications No. 1508772 and 1510940.

#### 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Applications

Seneca applied to the EUB, pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a well licence to drill a directional well from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 16 of Section 5, Township 29, Range 17, West of the 4th Meridian (16-5 surface location) to a projected bottomhole location in LSD 16-5-29-17W4M. The purpose of the proposed well would be to obtain gas from the Glauconitic SS Formation with a maximum hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) concentration of 0.0 moles per kmol (mol/kmol), or 0.0 per cent. The proposed well was to be located about 13 kilometres (km) northeast of the Town of Drumheller.

Seneca also applied to the EUB, in accordance with Part 4 of the *Pipeline Act*, for approval to construct and operate a pipeline for the purpose of transporting natural gas from the proposed well at the 16-5 surface location to an existing pipeline located in LSD 7-4-29-17W4M. The proposed pipeline would be about 1.80 km in length, with a maximum outside diameter of 114.4 millimetres, and would transport natural gas with a maximum H<sub>2</sub>S concentration of 0.0 mol/kmol, or 0.0 per cent.

#### 2.2 Intervention

Calvin Raessler filed an intervention in opposition to the subject applications citing concerns regarding preservation of native grasses, future plans to build on the adjacent property, safety, protection of wildlife, and the well-being of his family. Mr. Raessler is the grazing leaseholder for LSD 16-5-29-17W4M, where the proposed well and a portion of the proposed pipeline would be located.

#### 3 DISCUSSION

On August 31, 2007, NAL Resources Limited (NAL) acquired Seneca. Subsequently, on September 19, 2007, NAL notified the EUB and Mr. Raessler that it was withdrawing Applications No. 1508772 and 1510940, pursuant to Section 20 of the *Alberta Energy and* 

*Utilities Board Rules of Practice.* The Board accepted the withdrawal of the applications. A hearing on these matters had not yet been scheduled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on October 9, 2007.

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