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APACHE CANADA LTD.
APPLICATIONS FOR A WELL LICENCE AND A
PIPELINE LICENCE
BASHAW FIELD

Decision 2008-013 Applications 1509605 and 1510649

1 DECISION

Having received Applications 1509605 and 1510649, noting that they meet Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) requirements, and noting the receipt of a confirmation of nonobjection from the intervening party, the Board herby approves Applications 1509605 and 1510649.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Applications

Application 1509605

Apache Canada Ltd. (Apache) applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) pursuant to Part 4 of the *Pipeline Act* for approval to construct and operate a pipeline for the purpose of transporting natural gas from Legal Subdivision (LSD) 15, Section 14, Township 42, Range 23, West of the 4th Meridian, to a pipeline tie-in point at LSD 11-14-42-23W4M. The proposed pipeline would be about 0.65 kilometres (km) in length, with a maximum outside diameter of 114.3 millimetres, and would transport natural gas containing no hydrogen sulphide (H₂S).

Application 1510649

Apache applied pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations* for a licence to drill a well from a surface location in LSD 15-14-42-23W4M. The purpose of the well would be to obtain coal bed methane containing no H₂S from the Edmonton Formation.

The proposed well and pipeline would be located about 26 km southeast of Ponoka.

Effective January 1, 2008, the EUB was replaced by the ERCB and the Alberta Utilities Commission. This application is within the ERCB's jurisdiction. In accordance with the transition provisions of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, the decision regarding this application is issued by the ERCB.

2.2 Intervention

Warren Bloomquist and Alice Bloomquist, landowners where the proposed well and pipeline are to be drilled and constructed, filed an objection in opposition to the subject applications. They raised concerns regarding soil admixing, trespassing, and future development.

3 DISCUSSION

Apache engaged in negotiations with the Bloomquists. The meeting resulted in an agreement between the parties, and on February 5, 2008, a signed withdrawal of objection was received by the ERCB.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on February 19, 2008.

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G. M. Miller Board Member