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DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has considered the findings and recommendations set out in the following examiner report, adopts the recommendations, and directs that Application No. 1526667 be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on April 28, 2008.

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Dan McFadyen
ERCB Chairman

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**EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING
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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The examiner panel recommends cancellation of the hearing scheduled to consider this matter, as the objection to the application has been withdrawn, and that Application No. 1526667 be granted, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Anderson Energy Ltd. (AEL) applied, pursuant to Section 80 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act (OGCA)*, to the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) for a compulsory pooling order prescribing that all tracts within the drilling spacing unit constituting Section 15 of Township 45, Range 5, West of the 5th Meridian (Section 15) be operated as a unit for the production of gas from all zones to the base of the Edmonton Group through a well to be drilled in Legal Subdivision 8.

AEL requested, among other things, that costs and revenues under the pooling order be allocated on a tract area basis and that it be named operator of the well to be produced. In addition, AEL requested that the maximum penalty allowed under the *OGCA* be applied to a tract owner's share of the costs of drilling the well to and completing it in the formations named in the order if the tract owner does not pay the costs within 30 days of the later of the pooling order being issued, the tract owner being notified in writing of its share of actual costs, or the well commencing production.

2.2 Intervention

Penn West Energy Trust (PWET), an owner of a tract within Section 15, objected to the application, submitting that the pooling order should be reserves based because its geological evaluation of the prospective Edmonton zone showed that the tract that it held was of significantly greater value than that of AEL.

2.3 Hearing

A Notice of Hearing was issued on March 19, 2008. The application was to be considered at a public hearing in Calgary, Alberta, on May 1, 2008, before Board-appointed examiners G. W. Dilay, P.Eng. (Presiding Member), T. A. Dibus, P.Geol., and C. A. Crowfoot.

3 DISCUSSION

Following the issuance of the Notice of Hearing in this matter, PWET subsequently withdrew its objection to the application via e-mail to the ERCB dated April 15, 2008.

As there are no outstanding objections to the application, the examiners recommend that the hearing be cancelled and that Application No. 1526667 be granted, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on April 28, 2008.

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