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DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has considered the recommendations set out in the following examiner report, adopts the recommendations, and directs that Application No. 1552710 be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on September 2, 2008.

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EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING NEXEN INC. APPLICATION FOR A PIPELINE LICENCE HONEYSUCKLE FIELD

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1 RECOMMENDATION

Having received Application No. 1552710, noting that it meets Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) requirements, and noting the receipt of a withdrawal of objection from the sole intervening party, the examiner panel recommends cancellation of the hearing and that Application No. 1552710 be approved.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Nexen Inc. (Nexen) applied, pursuant to Part 4 of the *Pipeline Act*, for approval to construct and operate a pipeline from a wellhead at Legal Subdivision (LSD) 6, Section 30, Township 46, Range 23, West of the 4th Meridian, to a pipeline tie-in at LSD 10-30-46-23W4M. The proposed pipeline would be 1.06 kilometres in length, with a maximum outside diameter of 114.3 millimetres, and would transport natural gas containing no hydrogen sulphide. The proposed pipeline would be located about 400 metres southwest of Wetaskiwin.

2.2 Intervention

By letters dated April 5, 2007, February 20, 2008, and March 6, 2008, Denis Reist and Louise Reist, landowners of the northwest quarter of Section 30-46-23W4M where a portion of the pipeline would be constructed, filed an objection to the application. The Reists raised concerns regarding future development of the property, location of the pipeline, and introduction of club root onto the land.

2.3 Hearing

A public hearing in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, was scheduled for September 3, 2008, before Board-appointed examiners T. J. Pesta, P.Eng. (Presiding Member), M. S. Craig, and B. C. Hubbard, P.Eng.

3 DISCUSSION

Negotiations took place between Nexen and the Reists that resulted in a signed withdrawal of objection, which was received by the ERCB on August 13, 2008.

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