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PENNINE PETROLEUM CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR A PIPELINE LICENCE PINCHER CREEK FIELD

**Decision 2009-027
Application No. 1571005**

1 DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has noted the withdrawal of the landowner's objections to Application No. 1571005. As the application has met all technical and regulatory requirements, it was approved and the pipeline licence was issued on February 9, 2009.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Pennine Petroleum Corporation (Pennine) submitted an application 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 a wellhead at Legal Subdivision (LSD) 2, Section 11, Township 4, Range 29, West of the 4th Meridian, to a pipeline tie-in point at LSD 3-11-4-29W4M. The proposed pipeline would be about 0.26 kilometres (km) in length, with a maximum outside diameter of 114.3 millimetres, and would transport natural gas with no hydrogen sulphide. The proposed pipeline would be located about 4.5 km east of Twin Butte.

2.2 Intervention

Butte Ranches Ltd., represented by Terry Bonertz, is the landowner where the proposed pipeline would be located. Mr. Bonertz filed an intervention in opposition to the subject application, raising concerns regarding consultation practices, width of the pipeline right-of-way, and further development plans in the area.

2.3 Hearing

A site visit was conducted on January 27, 2009, for the ERCB panel and staff to view the area of the proposed pipeline.

The Board opened a public hearing in Pincher Creek, Alberta, which commenced and concluded on January 28, 2009, before Board Member G. J. Miller (Presiding Member) and Acting Board Members T. L. Watson, P.Eng., and R. C. Clark. During the course of the hearing, the parties requested and were granted a break in the proceedings. The hearing was reconvened and the Board was advised that the landowner's objection to the proposed pipeline had been withdrawn.

As a result of the intervener's withdrawal of objection to the proposed pipeline and because other participants had not been granted intervener status, as addressed by the panel in its September

18, 2008, letter, the panel closed the hearing. Those who appeared at the hearing are listed in [Appendix 1](#).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on March 10, 2009.

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Presiding Member

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T. L. Watson, P.Eng.
Acting Board Member

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R. C. Clark
Acting Board Member

APPENDIX 1 HEARING PARTICIPANTS

**Principals and Representatives
(Abbreviations used in report)****Witnesses**

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