

2018 ABAER 006

Blackspur Oil Corp.

Applications for a Well Licence and a Pipeline Licence Six Kilometres North of Thorsby

Applications 146873 and 1874178

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will not hold a hearing on applications 146873 and 1874178 because application 146873 has been withdrawn and there are no outstanding statements of concern.

Applications

[2] Blackspur applied under the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* for approval to drill and operate one horizontal well in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 16, Section 33, Township 49, Range 1, West of the 5th Meridian (application 1874178). The well would produce crude oil from the Sparky Member.

[3] Blackspur also applied under the *Pipeline Act* to construct and operate a pipeline from the well site to LSD 15-28-049-1W5M (application 146873). The pipeline would be 1.82 kilometres (km) long, have an outside diameter of 114.3 millimetres, and transport oil effluent containing 0 per cent hydrogen sulphide.

[4] The project would be located about 6 km north of Thorsby.

[5] A statement of concern was filed by R. Hess. She had substantive concerns about the portion of the proposed pipeline's route that would cross her land.

[6] On February 20, 2018, the AER issued a notice of hearing.

Discussion

[7] The AER was scheduled to hold a public hearing in Leduc, Alberta, on June 26, 2018, before hearing commissioners C. Low (presiding), P. Meysami, and T. Stock. Ms. Hess was given full participation rights in the hearing.

[8] On June 13, 2018, Blackspur requested authorization to withdraw application 146873, pursuant to section 4(2) of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*. Blackspur stated it intended to file an application for a pipeline that would not cross Ms. Hess's land and for which it had received all the consents required by the AER. Blackspur also provided a copy of a withdrawal of statement of concern and a confirmation of nonobjection to application 1874178 signed by Ms. Hess.

[9] On June 19, 2018, the AER accepted the withdrawal of application 146873.

[10] Accordingly, the public hearing is cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on June 21, 2018.

Alberta Energy Regulator

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C. Low

Presiding Hearing Commissioner