

2020 ABAER 009

Proceeding 394

Ovintiv Inc.

Regulatory Appeals of Applications 1914551, 1920992, and 338430

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has discontinued the regulatory appeals because the requesters have withdrawn their requests for regulatory appeal.

Discussion

[2] On October 23, 2018, Ovintiv Inc. (formerly Encana Corp.) submitted applications 1914500 and 1914551 for approval to construct two multiwell pads with eight horizontal sour gas wells each, targeting the Montney Formation. The wells would have a maximum hydrogen sulphide content of 73 moles per kilomole (mol/kmol), or 7.3 per cent, during completions and a release rate of 0.2687 cubic metres per second (m³/s). The location of the pad site for application 1914551 is Legal Subdivision (LSD) 15, Section 26, Township 72, Range 9, West of the 6th Meridian.

[3] On March 15, 2019, W. Ambros and S. Ambros (the Ambroses) filed request for regulatory appeal 1919768 on applications 1914500 and 1914551

[4] On April 24, 2018, Ovintiv submitted application 1920992 for another multiwell pad of 10 sour gas wells to be located at LSD 15-27-072-09W6M, also with a maximum H₂S content of 73 mol/kmol (7.3 per cent) during completions and a release rate of 0.2687 m³/s; application 1199791 for a sour water pipeline and a sweet gas pipeline; and application 338430 for a sour gas pipeline running from LSD 14-28-072-09W6M to LSD 15-30-072-09W6M that would transport gas with an H₂S concentration of 70 mol/kmol (7.0 per cent).

[5] On September 4, 2019, the Ambroses filed request for regulatory appeal 1924228 on applications 1920992, 119979, and 338430.

[6] On December 19, 2019, the AER dismissed the requests for regulatory appeal on applications 1914500 and 1199791. At the same time, the AER determined that the Ambroses had established that they may be directly and adversely affected by applications 1914551, 1920992, and 338430, and decided to grant the requests for regulatory appeal on those applications.

[7] The AER was scheduled to hold a public hearing electronically, on September 22, 2020, before hearing commissioners D. O’Gorman (presiding), P. Meysami and B.A. Zaitlin.

[8] On July 21, 2020, the Ambroses withdrew the requests for regulatory appeal. The AER has therefore discontinued the regulatory appeals, as required by section 32.4 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*.

[9] Accordingly, a public hearing will not be held.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on July 29, 2020.

Alberta Energy Regulator

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Presiding Hearing Commissioner