

2022 ABAER 001

Proceeding 410

Shell Canada Limited and Pieridae Alberta Production Ltd. Caroline, Waterton, and Jumping Pound

Applications for Foothills Assets

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has authorized Shell Canada Limited (Shell) and Pieridae Alberta Production Ltd.'s (Pieridae) (the applicants) request to withdraw the applications to transfer all licences and approvals for Shell's Foothills assets. Accordingly, a public hearing will not be held.

Discussion

[2] In January 2021, Shell applied to transfer all its licences and approvals for the Foothills assets) to Pieridae. The Foothills assets are divided into three main operating areas in the southern Alberta Foothills: Caroline, Jumping Pound, and Waterton and include 282 well licences, 70 facility licences (including 3 gas plants), 81 pipeline licences, and other associated approvals and licences.

[3] A description of the applications is available in appendix A and the [Amended Notice of Hearing](#).

[4] The AER issued a notice of hearing on July 5, 2021, and an amended notice of hearing on July 14, 2021, which included a deadline to file a request to participate by August 3, 2021. On July 15, 2021, Shell requested an adjournment of the proceeding. Pieridae agreed to the request on July 16, 2021. The AER granted the adjournment request on July 20, 2021, and directed both companies to provide an update by September 30, 2021. The hearing process was suspended and all filing deadlines, including the request to participate deadline in the July amended notice of hearing, were no longer applicable.

[5] On September 28, 2021, Shell provided an update and requested an extension of the adjournment to January 31, 2022. Pieridae agreed to the extension request on September 29, 2021. The AER granted the request and extended the adjournment to January 31, 2022. Shell and Pieridae were directed to provide an update by January 31, 2022.

[6] On January 31, 2022, Shell filed a request to withdraw the applications pursuant to section 5(15) of *Directive 088: Licensee Life-Cycle Management*, without prejudice to future applications, to transfer the licences, approvals, and dispositions for the Foothills assets from Shell to Pieridae.

[7] Pieridae, as the only other party to this proceeding, confirmed its support of Shell's request to withdraw the applications on January 31, 2022.

[8] On February 1, 2022, the AER in accordance with section 4(2) of the *AER Rules of Practice* accepted the applicants' withdrawal of the applications. Shell remains the licensee of record.

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

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on February 03, 2022.

Alberta Energy Regulator

Dean O'Gorman

Presiding Hearing Commissioner

APPENDIX A

Directive 006: Licensee Liability Rating Program and Licence Transfer Process, for license transfers

| Application | Asset Area | Applications to transfer all of Shell’s existing AER licences and approvals in Caroline, Waterton, and Jumping Pound. |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| 1931841 | Caroline | |
| 1931842 | Waterton | |
| 1931843 | Jumping Pound | |

Part 4, Section 146 of the *Public Lands Act*, for land assignments

| Application No. | Asset Area | Applications to transfer all 555 land dispositions. |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| 10107234 | Caroline | |
| 10107324 | Caroline | |
| 10107233 | Waterton | |
| 10107276 | Waterton | |
| 10107232 | Jumping Pound | |

Part 5, Section 80 of the *Water Act* for change of ownership

| Application No. | Asset Area | Applications to transfer all Shell’s existing <i>Water Act</i> licences and approvals for the Waterton sour gas plant and compressors stations, Caroline sour gas plants and compressors stations, Jumping Pound sour gas plant and compressor station, and Limestone, Whiskey Creek, Moose Mountain, Junction B, and Clearwater South compressor stations. |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| 004-00027142 | Caroline | |
| 004-00027143 | Caroline | |
| 003-00403668 | Caroline | |
| 003-00386786 | Caroline | |
| 004-00403327 | Caroline | |
| 003-00030404 | Waterton | |
| 004-00039499 | Waterton | |
| 003-00383322 | Waterton | |
| 003-00040795 | Jumping Pound | |
| 003-00413432 | Jumping Pound | |

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| 003-00413351 | Jumping Pound | |
| 003-00413352 | Jumping Pound | |

Section 3.2.5 of Directive 058 (Addendum): Oilfield Waste Management Facility Approvals - Notification and Amendment Procedures for change of ownership

| Application No. | Asset Area | Applications to transfer all existing AER oilfield waste management facilities. |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| 1931835 | Waterton | |
| 1931836 | Waterton | |
| 1931837 | Waterton | |
| 1931833 | Jumping Pound | |

Section 67 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) for change of ownership

| Application No. | Asset Area | Applications to transfer all EPEA approvals. |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| 005-00001711 | Caroline | |
| 017-00011323 | Caroline | |
| 00022-258 | Waterton | |
| 003-00020514 | Waterton | |
| 004-00020515 | Waterton | |
| 018-00011587 | Jumping Pound | |
| 005-00011668 | Jumping Pound | |