

2021 Performance Presentation

MacKay River Commercial Project

AER Scheme Approval No. 11715

January to December 2021

4.1 Introduction

Project Background

- PetroChina Canada ("PCC") owns and operates the MacKay River Commercial Project ("MRCP")
- The MRCP is a bitumen recovery project located within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo ("RMWB") in northeast Alberta; approximately 30 km northwest of Fort McMurray
- The MRCP utilizes steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) technology
- The MRCP is planned for phased development, with a Phase 1 capacity of 35,000 bbl/d of bitumen







MRCP Phase 1 Overview



- Phase 1 has a bitumen capacity of 35,000 bpd
- The Phase 1 Development Area (DA) includes:
 - 8 SAGD surface well pads and associated subsurface drainage patterns
 - o 42 SAGD Horizontal well pairs
 - 850 m long horizontals
 - 125 m well spacing
 - 4 Horizontal infill well pairs (PAD AA)
 - 850 m long horizontals
 - Producer and/or injector uptracks
 - 62.5 m well spacing
 - The Central Processing Facility ("CPF")
 - Water source wells and associated pipelines
 - o Observation wells
 - o Borrow areas
 - Access roads
 - o Camps



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MRCP – Field Performance



- Throughout 2021, MRCP achieved steady production, reaching a production average of 12,190 bbl/d. The 2021 monthly exit oil rate was 1,819 cubic metres per day (m3/d; 11,440 bbl/d). Steam to Oil Ratio (SOR) was stable and averaged 5.07 throughout the year
- PCC Continued field operation optimizations: Planning of infill wells; One Turbine Inflow Control Device (TICD) and Electric Submersible Pump (ESP) conversion in 2021 (AE02); and Drilling began on producer sidetrack wells at on AC04 and AF05.
- Non-Condensible Gas (NCG) co-injection in selected well pairs continued in 2021. PCC also maintained NCG injection in one vertical injection well.

MRCP – Cumulative Fluid Volumes



- Performance is impacted by the presence of top gas/top lean zones, areas of thicker lower transition zone, and the presence of geological baffles (zones of higher mud bed frequency) affecting chamber growth
 - In certain areas, steam chamber interactions with top gas and losses to the lower transition zone has resulted in higher water retention by the reservoir
 - Mitigation strategies implemented includes, gas cap pressurization (NCG injection and co-injection), and balancing operating pressures with multiple thief zones. These strategies have significantly helped reduce water retention and steam losses

MacKay River Stratigraphy





- Caprock is Argillaceous Lower Clearwater
- Wabiskaw sand above McMurray across the DA
- Target reservoir is Upper McMurray



Bitumen Net Pay Map – Development Area



- Net pay cut-off at ≥10m
- Thickness ranges from 10 to25 m in the DA
- Upper McMurray reservoir shows strong NW to SE trend
- Central processing facility located Southwest of development area
- Majority of 8 drainage boxes are in >15 m bitumen pay

MCMR Top Gas Isopach Map



- Top gas zone present in the upper McMurray over the DA
- Ranges in thickness from approximately 0 to 3 m





Lower Transition Zone Map



- Criteria:
 - Porous & clean sandy facies with >50% water saturation (GR ≤ 75 API, DPSS≥27%, RT<20 ohmm, sandy facies)
 - In communication with and below pay zone
- Characteristics:
 - Thin: <1.0 m over most of the Phase 1 drainage boxes
 - Limited Lateral Extent



Upper Transition Zone Map



• Criteria:

- Porous & clean sandy facies with >50% water saturation (GR ≤ 75API, DPSS ≥27%, RT<20 ohmm, sandy facies)
- o In communication with and above pay zone

Characteristics:

- Thin: <1.5 m over most of the Phase 1 drainage boxes
- Limited Lateral Extent





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Caprock Monitoring: Overburden & Cap Rock Intervals



- Quaternary Sediments: from surface to the Grand Rapids
- Grand Rapids, overlies Clearwater
- Clearwater Formation, which is the gross caprock
- Argillaceous interval of Clearwater is the primary caprock for MRCP. It is present across the MRCP DA, it's a thick (>21 m), and laterally continuous, consistent, clay-rich caprock, free of influence of any vertical pore pressure transmission pathways.
 - Some instrumentation is set outside the casing of observation wells to monitor the sandier Clearwater intervals above the Argillageous caprock.
 - Wabiskaw sand is the first known horizontal pathway on top of the reservoir. It is the main target for reservoir containment assurance and/or caprock integrity monitoring, early warning for pressure buildup.
- Wabiskaw shale lies above the McMurray reservoir and is the lower-most interval included within the overburden monitoring strategy.



Caprock & Surface: Clearwater & Heave Monitoring

- Overburden surveillance above MRCP caprock (Clearwater Argillageous)
 - $\,\circ\,$ Clearwater sand/silt is above the MRCP caprock
 - Pressure range in 2021: 828 to 907 kPag (initial range: 826 to 896 kPag), Remains at virgin conditions, as expected
 - $\,\circ\,$ Temperature: range 4 to 5° C (initial range: 4 to 5° C)
 - Pressure and temperature expected to remain steady as this interval is immediately above the caprock

Surface Displacement Monitoring

- PCC implemented ground displacement monitoring using 104 corner reflectors over MRCP using Syntheticaperture Radar Interferometry (InSAR) technology.
- Heave is the dominant ground displacement effect registered in 2021
- Cumulative heave up to 24 cm has been recorded in all MRCP pads (MAX in pad AJ)
- Cumulative displacement per pad, Sep 2014 to Mar 2021 is shown in the adjacent table
- The displacement measured during the period
 2020 to 2021 is shown on the map as isolines









MRCP Seismic



- Coverage Across MRCP includes:
 - ~96 km of 2D
 - \circ ~58.4 km² of 3D
 - \circ ~~ ^3.9 km^2 of 3D baseline for 4D
 - $\circ~~$ ^3.5 km² of 4D in 2018 Interpreted
 - $\circ~~$ ^3.0 km² of 4D in 2019 Interpreted
 - \circ ~2.9 km² of 4D in 2020 Interpreted
- 3D acquired in MRCP to help:
 - Assess Caprock
 - Plan/drill horizontal well trajectories
 - Assess McMurray reservoir
- 4D seismic surveys acquired at MRCP in 2018, 2019 & 2020
 - $\circ~$ Used to monitor steam chamber growth
 - $\,\circ\,$ 2018: Pads AA, AB, AJ, AD
 - $\,\circ\,$ 2019: Pads AF, AC, AA
 - o 2020: Pads AD, AE, AH

Structural Cross-Section across MRCP

- Good reservoir quality with continuity along the DA
- Minor structural variation at base of pay
- Thick and laterally continuous caprock with consistent lithology



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Geologic and Reservoir Properties – OBIP For Operating Area

Drainage Box	# Well Pairs	Drainage Box Area (m ²)	Average S _o (frac)	Average Φ (frac)	Average K _h (D)	Average K _v (D)	Average Bitumen Pay Thickness (m)	Drainage Box OBIP (m3)	Estimated RF (%)	Estimated Drainage Box RBIP (m3)
AA	10	698,200	0.83	0.34	2.7	1.1	21.3	4,197,138	54	2,273,450
AB	5	562,600	0.8	0.34	2.7	1.1	22.6	3,465,819	57	1,971,383
AC	4	418,700	0.85	0.34	2.6	1	21.9	2,655,008	63	1,669,316
AD	5	560,100	0.77	0.33	2.6	1	20.8	2,957,075	54	1,605,723
AE	6	674,700	0.76	0.33	2.2	0.9	20.8	3,513,514	53	1,860,095
AF	6	675,400	0.82	0.34	2.6	1	22	4,149,444	62	2,575,517
AH	5	594,300	0.77	0.34	2.6	1	20.4	3,179,650	48	1,526,232
AJ	5	562,300	0.75	0.34	2.5	0.9	20.5	2,941,176	57	1,669,316
Total	46	4,746,300	0.79	0.34	2.6	1	21.3	27,058,824	56	15,151,033

OBIP = (NRV x PORT x SO)

- OBIP = Original Bitumen In-Place and measured in 10⁶m³ units and converted to 10⁶ barrels using conversion factor of 6.2898
- NRV = Net Rock Volume in 10⁶m³ derived from deterministic mapping of SAGDable net pay, or from geomodel calculations
- SO = Average bitumen saturation from the SAGD exploitable reservoir interval generated from 1-SWT (in fractions)
- PORT = Average porosity from the SAGD exploitable reservoir interval generated from PORT (in fractions)
- RBIP = Recoverable Bitumen in Place

Geologic and Reservoir Properties – Original Bitumen In-Place

Parameters	Development Area	<u>Project Area</u>
Top of Reservoir Depth (mTVD)	176	175
Top of Reservoir Depth (TVD masl)	315	311
Base of Reservoir Depth (mTVD)	197	193
Base of Reservoir Depth (TVD masl)	294	293
Net Pay Thickness (m)	21.3	12.8
Porosity (frac)	0.34	0.33
Bitumen Saturation (frac)	0.79	0.75
OBIP (10 ⁶ bbl)	170.2	2890.8
OBIP (10 ⁶ m ³)	27.1	459.6
Initial Pressure (kPaa)	220 (top) – 400 (bottom)	220 (top) – 400 (bottom)*
Original Reservoir Temperature (°C)	6	6*

*Extrapolated from operating area

Caprock Monitoring: P & T Wabiskaw and Clearwater Sands

- Wabiskaw Sand (above reservoir, below caprock):
 - Pressure: Average 1,183 kPag, range from 889 to 1,338 kPag (initial range: 900 to 950 kPag)
 - \circ Temperature: Average 19 °C, range from 6 to 40 °C (initial range: 5 to 7 °C)
 - All pressure and temperature trends were considered normal in 2021 and attributed to thermal operations in the McMurray reservoir
- Clearwater sand/silt is above of MRCP caprock
 - Pressure: range from 828 to 907 kPag (initial range: 826 to 896 kPag), Remains at virgin conditions as expected
 - \circ Temperature: range from 4 to 5 °C, (initial range: 4 to 5 °C)
 - Pressure and temperature expected to remain steady as this interval is immediately above the caprock



MRCP – Performance Indicators by Pad

Pad	OBIP (m³)	Cum. Oil to December 2021 (m ³)	Recovery to December 2021 (%)	Cumulative SOR by Dec 2021	Instantaneous SOR by Dec 2021	Ultimate Recovery (%)
AA	4,197,138	629,577	15.00%	4.8	4.3	54%
AB	3,465,819	288,265	8.32%	6.8	5.6	57%
AC	2,655,008	392,047	14.77%	4.0	3.2	63%
AD	2,957,075	244,570	8.27%	7.5	7.7	54%
AE	3,513,514	207,561	5.91%	9.3	9.4	53%
AF	4,149,444	503,448	12.13%	4.6	4.0	62%
AH	3,179,650	77,748	2.45%	17.3	9.4	48%
AJ	2,941,176	143,497	4.88%	12.1	6.2	57%
Total	27,058,824	2,486,711	9.19%	6.3	5.2	56%

- Higher SORs experienced on AE, AH, AJ and AD pads are primarily due to gas cap contact and/or slightly larger lower transition zone leak off.
- Mitigations:
 - Operating pressure is balanced accordingly with the thief zones pressure
 - Gas cap pressurization with natural gas started in Sep 2018 in vertical well 05-13 (central DA). In 2021, the injector was S/I for repairs in Feb-Mar, injection resumed in Apr and continued during the year.
 - Gas co-injection started in well pairs of pads AH, AE, AD in Jan 2019 and it is expected to continue to support gas cap pressurization in the Southern DA during 2022



Gas Cap Pressurization: NCG Injection

- The purpose of gas cap pressurization at MRCP is to increase the pressure in the gas cap to operate at a more favourable pressure balance between steam chambers and top thief zones to minimize steam losses.
 - o Initial gas cap pressure of 200 kPag, presented a challenge to SAGD operation pressure balance
 - $_{\circ}$ Evidence of steam chamber communication to the gas cap since early 2018
 - The pressurization process started in Sep 2018. Natural gas is injected in the vertical well 103/05-13-090-14W4-00. By Q3, 2019 injection reached a maximum of 106,000 Sm³/d (max approved by AER is 120,000 Sm³/d per injector).
 - Injection suspended from Dec 2019 to Oct 2020. PCC reactivated NCG injection to continue support field pressure ramp up. Injector was S/I for repair in Feb-Mar 2021, injection resumed in Apr 2021
 - By Dec 2021, cumulative NCG injection was approximately 62,800 e³Sm³, the average injection rate in 2021 was 42,500 Sm³/d (as per chart below, right)
 - The gas cap pressurization process has helped reduced SOR and maintain stable operation and production of wells affected by gas cap contact





NCG Injection: Vertical Injector Well



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Gas Cap Pressurization: NCG Co-Injection

- NCG co-injection supports the gas cap pressurization at MRCP
 - Gas co-injection was implemented in January 2019, to support gas cap pressurization in areas distanced from vertical injector 05-13
 - Natural gas (Methane) is used for NCG Co-injection. It is expected that the co-injected gas remains in the gas cap once reaching the top of the reservoir, contributing to gas cap pressurization. No co-injected gas is expected to be recovered.
 - Typical co-injection rates range from 2,400 to 4,200 Sm³/d per well (the maximum rate approved by AER is 5,000 Sm³/d per well). The cumulative volume of NCG co-injection was approximately 24,300 e³Sm³ (as per chart below, right) by December 2021
 - Typical mole fractions (concentration) range between 0.5 and 2.0%
 - NCG co-injection parameters are evaluated weekly: Co-injection rates are adjusted within the permitted range based on each well pair response. Wells could be on and off co-injection depending on SOR and TFSR evaluation
 - PCC has identified and used NCG co-injection at 13 wells (shown in map), as of December 2021:
 - AA06
 - AB05
 - AJ01, AJ02
 - AD03, AD04, AD05
 - AE01, AE02, AE03
 - AH01, AH02, AH03
 - Pressure monitoring of the gas cap indicates that co-injected NCG reaches the top of the reservoir, providing pressure support, preventing excessive steam losses and supporting SAGD operation
 - No wellbore integrity issues have been identified
 - PCC continues to use gas co-injection to support pressurization of the gas cap



NCG co-Injection: Several Well Pairs





4.3 SURFACE

Central Processing Facility Development



Pad AA Surface Facility Development



Built and Planned Water Infrastructure

Water Act Licence No. 00266369-01-03:

- Approved Annual Withdrawal Volume = 2,116,964 m³/year from the Empress Channel Aquifer
 - 13-10-90-15W4, max rate 2,930 m³/d
 - 14-11-90-15W4M, max rate 3,000 m³/d
 - \circ 02-13-90-15W4M, max rate 2,900 m³/d
 - 08-13-90-15W4M, max rate 3,100 m³/d





Operational Comparison to Design Throughputs



4.4 Historical and Upcoming Activity

Historical and Upcoming Activity

- Summary of suspension and abandonment activity within 2021
 - There were no suspension or abandonment activities in 2021

2021 Regulatory and Operational Changes

Amendments to Scheme Approval No. 11715						
Amendment No.	Application No.	Description	Approval Date			
11715S	1934017	Blanket Steam Push Well Treatments	16-Sep-2021			

- PCC modified seven well pads to re-direct steam condensate from a Pop tank on each well pad to the emulsion line. This change was made to improve energy efficiency and allow for the Pop tanks to be decommissioned
- There were no modifications to the Central Processing Facility throughout 2021 that required AER approval
- There were no phase expansions, change in injection strategy, or infrastructure changes throughout 2021 that materially affected scheme performance or energy material balances



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Key Learnings To-Date

- Continuing to ramp-up production through optimization efforts and mitigating the effects of:
 - o Top gas and thicker lower transition zones
 - o Operational pressure strategies tied to "thief" zones
 - o Effects of baffles and barriers
 - o Fines migration
- The implementation of infill wells in pad AA has resulted in a positive experience. Key learnings in well/facilities planning, drilling, completion and operation are considered for future developments at MRCP
- ESP conversions continue to meet run-life expectations and are in-line with industry averages.
- The use of fiber optic temperature coils has proven to be a valuable tool to diagnose downhole issues and survey the conformance along the horizontal section.
- For wells that have been worked over with Tubing Deployed Inflow Control Devices (TDICD), continuous fiber optic temperature coils have left out of the completion to minimize pressure drop inside the liner.



Well Pad AA Infill Wells

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- Steam circulation began late Nov 2019
- SAGD conversion between Mar-Apr 2020
- Infill wells performance to-date represents a clear improvement over their parent (original) wells
- Multilaterals showing communication with adjacent steam chambers. PCC continues to develop strategies to promote steam chamber development in heterogeneous reservoir
- Reservoir Conditions (heterogeneities, quality) are variable along the pad. Generally improving in the NE to SW direction. No direct comparison of infills performance is possible as each infill (as well as original wells) deals with different reservoir qualities.
- Main learnings:
 - Conventional infill well pair (no multilateral) with completion enhancements in cleaner reservoir outperforms parent wells
 - Multilateral wells are more adequate to lower quality reservoir to help promote steam chamber growth and reach out to interbedded sands. They also outperform parent wells
 - Technology adaptation to reservoir quality
 - Infill Wells proposed for Pad AF will capture learnings from AA Pad infills

- AA07:
 - Casing Inflow Control Device in producer, PPS liner
 - Uptrack laterals
 - Vacuum Insulated Tubing
- AA08:
 - Casing Inflow Control Device in producer
 - Base Pair (conventional well pair, enhanced design with learning from first 42 well pairs), PPS liner.
- AA09:
 - Casing Inflow Control Device in producer,
 - Producer multilaterals to adjacent steam chamber
- AA10:
 - Casing Inflow Control Device in producer,
 - Producer and injector multilaterals to adjacent steam chamber

Injectors

Producers



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2021 Compliance Summary

Event Description and AER Reference Number (if applicable)	Event Details	Event Reason (if applicable)	Plan to Resolution
Directive 087 Voluntary Self Disclosure (2093485)	A non-routine casing repair conducted prior to obtaining AER approval as per the Directive.	Planning for casing repair did not account for the Non- routine casing repair approval.	PCC is now aware of this requirement and will account for it during future repairs.
Pipeline Rules Inspection Follow up (510201 and 510204)	AER requested additional information in relation to inspections that took place in 2018, that PCC had not responded to.	PCC was not able to provide the requested data to AER in a timely manner.	PCC contracted AER to resolve the matter and satisfy follow up questions.
Late Casing Repairs under Directive 087 (No reference number provided)	PCC received a Notification from AER that four wells were out of compliance with Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of Directive 087 in relation to the notification and repair of casing failures.	PCC had not tracked the repair timing requirements.	PCC Submitted a request to extend the timing to complete the repair timeline and completed repairs in November 2021. Tracking processes have been improved to prevent a reoccurrence of a similar incident.

Future Initiatives - 2022

- Winter Appraisal Program:
 - $\circ~$ No new delineation wells
 - No seismic survey planned
- Potential Commercial Amendment Applications:
 - $\circ\,$ Pressure maintenance in bottom transition zone continue to be investigated
 - $\circ\,$ Use of polymers to mitigate bottom transition zone continue to be investigated
- New Developments:
 - $\,\circ\,$ Bringing sidetrack wells on AC04 and AF05 into operation.
 - $\circ~$ Infill wells approved by AER
 - Four new infill wells in Pad AF by end of 2022
- Other initiatives:
 - Producer sidetrack in selected wells pairs
 - Continue improving technology implementations (tubing deployed inflow control devices and other remedial pilot technologies for casing/liner improvement)



Future Initiatives

- PCC long range planning is ongoing and subject to change
 - o No new delineation wells are planned
 - Sufficient delineation exist in near term (approximately 5 years)
 - o 4D seismic
 - As needed basis to monitor and manage reservoir
 - Opportunistically cycle through the drainage areas
- Potential Amendment Applications:
 - Application for additional future sustaining well pairs
- Future Development Potential
 - o Four new Pad AF wells in the short term
 - Medium- to long-term plan for additional sidetrack and edge wells is under development.





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