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BIGORAY FIELD**

**Decision 2005-061
Application No. 1365168**

DECISION

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board has considered the findings and recommendations set out in the following examiner report, adopts the recommendations, and directs that Application No. 1365168 be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on June 20, 2005.

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EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD. APPLICATION FOR A GAS BATTERY BIGORAY FIELD

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1 RECOMMENDATION

Having considered the application, the examiner panel recommends cancellation of the hearing scheduled to consider this matter and recommends that Application No. 1365168 be approved.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (Penn West) applied on October 18, 2004, to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board), pursuant to Section 7.001 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, requesting approval to construct and operate a single-well gas battery in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 14 of Section 17, Township 52, Range 8, West of the 5th Meridian in the Bigoray Field. The well site facility would consist of a separator, a flare stack, and a 67 kilowatt compressor. The purpose of the facility would be to separate and measure production from an existing gas well located at LSD 14-17-52-8 W5M. The maximum hydrogen sulphide concentration would be about 2 moles per kilomole. The proposed battery would be located about 2 kilometres southwest of Evansburg.

2.2 Intervention

W. Husch (the intervener) is the landowner of the northwest quarter of Section 17-52-8 W5M and owns and resides on the northeast quarter of Section 7-52-8 W5M. The intervener filed objections to the application in November and December 2004 and January 2005, raising concerns regarding noise, air and water pollution, traffic, and company representation.

2.3 Hearing

The examiners were scheduled to hold a public hearing in Drayton Valley, Alberta, on July 5, 2005, before D. T. McCullough (Presiding Member), B. K. Eastlick, P.Eng., and B.C. Hubbard, P.Eng. The examiners recommend cancellation of the hearing by the EUB for the reasons set out in the discussion below.

3 DISCUSSION

Penn West and Mr. Husch met on June 1, 2005, to discuss the application and Mr. Husch's objection. The meeting resulted in Mr. Husch agreeing to withdraw his objection to Penn West's application, and on June 2, 2005, a signed confirmation of nonobjection was received by the EUB.

In light of Mr. Husch withdrawing his objection to Application No. 1365168, the examiners are satisfied that the scheduled hearing is unnecessary to enable the Board to make a disposition of the subject application and therefore recommend cancellation of the hearing.

Furthermore, on the basis of the EUB staff review of Application No. 1365168 finding it to be technically complete, the examiners recommend the application be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on June 16, 2005.

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