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**Decision 2006-032
Application No. 1427483**

DECISION

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board has considered the findings and recommendations set out in the following examiner report and adopts the recommendations.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on March 28, 2006.

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Chairman

**EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING
COMPTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
APPLICATION FOR A WELL LICENCE
MILO FIELD**

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1 RECOMMENDATION

The examiners recommend that the hearing scheduled to consider Application No. 1427483 be cancelled and that the withdrawal of the application be approved, in accordance with Section 20 of the *Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Rules of Practice*.

1.1 Application

On November 3, 2005, Compton Petroleum Corporation (Compton) applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board), pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a licence to drill a vertical gas well from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 5 of Section 35, Township 18, Range 24, West of the 4th Meridian. The maximum hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) concentration would be about 0.0 moles per kilomole (0.0 per cent), not requiring an emergency planning zone. The purpose of the well would be to obtain gas production from the Belly River Group. The proposed well would be located about 17 kilometres south and west of the town of Vulcan.

1.2 Intervention

Louis Bertschy is the landowner of the northwest quarter of Section 35-18-24W4M, which is 55 metres (m) from the proposed well centre. Mr. Bertschy does not have a residence within this quarter section of land. He filed an objection to Application No. 1427483 on November 17, 2005, citing issues regarding location of the well, visual impact, and compensation. Mr. Bertschy was the only intervening party to the subject application, as no additional objections were received.

1.3 Hearing

The examiners were scheduled to hold a public hearing in Vulcan, Alberta, on April 24, 2006, before G. A. Habib (Presiding Member), M. S. Craig, and B. A. Austin, P.Geol.

2 DISCUSSION

The EUB issued a Notice of Hearing for the subject application on March 6, 2006. Via a telephone call on March 7, 2006, Compton advised the EUB that it had successfully negotiated a change in the location of the well site with Mr. Bertschy. The new proposed location effectively moved the well location far enough away from Mr. Bertschy's land so as to not impact his land by the 100 m setback. Mr. Bertschy subsequently removed his objection to the proposed well,

and on March 10, 2006, a signed withdrawal of objection was received by the EUB. Subsequently, Compton advised the EUB by an e-mail dated March 14, 2006, that it was withdrawing the subject application and that a new application would be filed incorporating the new surface coordinates.

As the application has been withdrawn, there is no longer any need for the public hearing or for any further process respecting this application. The examiners therefore recommend that the hearing be cancelled and that the withdrawal of the application be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on March 28, 2006.

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