



# Husky Oil Operations Limited

Application to Amend Facility Licence No. 32659  
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**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. 1464044 be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on January 22, 2007.

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## EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LIMITED

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## 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The examiner panel recommends that Rita McQuillan's objection to Application No. 1464044 be dismissed, as she has not demonstrated that she may be directly and adversely affected by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board's (EUB/Board) decision on the application. The examiners also recommend that Application No. 1464044 be approved without holding a public hearing.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Application

Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) applied to the EUB, pursuant to Section 7.001 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, to amend Facility Licence No. 32659 for an existing multiwell gas battery located at Legal Subdivision 6, Section 7, Township 35, Range 22, West of the 4th Meridian. Husky has proposed to increase the compression at this battery by installing a 1000 kilowatt (kW) gas compressor and removing a 749 kW gas compressor.

### 2.2 Interventions

Richard Roberts owns the land where the existing battery is located and objected to the application based on noise-related concerns.

Rita McQuillan owns and resides on land north of the existing battery. Her residence is located about 1.4 kilometres (km) from the battery. Mrs. McQuillan also cited noise-related concerns as the grounds for her objection.

## 3 DISCUSSION

The examiners determined that Mr. Roberts, as owner of the land on which Husky's battery is located, may be directly and adversely affected by the Board's decision on the proposed modifications at the battery and that a public hearing was necessary to consider his objection. However, Mr. Roberts withdrew his objection on December 11, 2006, before a Notice of Hearing was issued.

It is the examiners' view that Mrs. McQuillan has not demonstrated that she may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed amendment to the existing facility, as the proposed compressor is 1.4 km from her residence. The examiners note that Husky's project involves replacing a 749 kW compressor with a larger 1000 kW unit and that the modified facility must operate in compliance with EUB *Directive 038: Noise Control Directive—User Guide*. Given

that a battery with significant compression is already in operation and considering the 1.4 km distance to Mrs. McQuillan's residence, the examiners recommend that Mrs. McQuillan's objection to Application No. 1464044 be dismissed.

Based on the above, it is the examiners' view that a hearing is no longer necessary. The examiners therefore recommend cancellation of the hearing. The examiners are satisfied that Application No. 1464044 is technically complete and recommend that it be approved by the Board.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on January 22, 2007.

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