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CONOCOPHILLIPS CANADA RESOURCES CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR A WELL LICENCE GRANDE PRAIRIE FIELD

Decision 2008-109
Application No. 1566883

1 DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has accepted ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corporation's (ConocoPhillips's) request to withdraw the application and has cancelled the public hearing scheduled to consider it.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

ConocoPhillips applied, pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a licence to drill a level-2 critical sour well from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 10 of Section 21, Township 72, Range 8, West of the 6th Meridian, to a projected bottomhole location in LSD 15-21-72-8W6M. The maximum hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) concentration was expected to be about 110 moles per kilomole (11 per cent), with a cumulative drilling H₂S release rate of 0.42 cubic metres per second and a corresponding emergency planning zone (EPZ) of 1.28 kilometres (km). The purpose of the well was to obtain gas production from the Montney Formation. The proposed well was to be located about 10 km northwest of the Town of Wembley.

2.2 Intervention

Terrence Campbell and Myrna Campbell (the Campbells), adjacent landowners and residents within the 1.28 km EPZ, filed an objection letter dated August 20, 2007. Henry Hrychiw and Melita Hrychiw (the Hrychiws), also adjacent landowners and residents within the EPZ, filed an objection dated October 31, 2007. Both parties raised concerns regarding safety, property value, future development, and protection of ground water, surface water, and the environment.

2.3 Hearing

The Board was scheduled to hold a public hearing in Grande Prairie, Alberta, on November 25, 2008, before Board Members M. J. Bruni, Q.C. (Presiding Member), G. J. Miller, and G. Eynon, P.Geol.

3 DISCUSSION

ConocoPhillips engaged in the ERCB's Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) program with the Hrychiws and the Campbells, which resulted in the two parties withdrawing their objections on August 19 and August 29, 2008, respectively. The Hrychiws and the Campbells agreed to

remove their objections based on the fact that ConocoPhillips would withdraw the subject application and apply to drill the well from a different surface location.

On September 5, 2008, ConocoPhillips notified the ERCB that it was withdrawing Application No. 1566883, pursuant to Section 21 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice*. The Board accepted the withdrawal of the application and the public hearing was cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on November 18, 2008.

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