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**DECISION**

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has considered the findings and recommendation set out in the following examiner report, adopts the recommendation, and directs that Applications No. 1572056, 1572074, 1572089, 1572149, 1572244, and 1572268 be approved.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on April 20, 2009.

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Dan McFadyen  
Chairman



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Calgary Alberta

**EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING  
ENCANA CORPORATION  
APPLICATIONS FOR TEN WELL LICENCES  
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## **1 RECOMMENDATION**

Having considered the applications and related submissions, the examiner panel recommends that Applications No. 1572056, 1572074, 1572089, 1572149, 1572244, and 1572268 be approved.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Applications**

EnCana Corporation (EnCana) applied to the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board), pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for licences to drill three vertical wells and seven directional wells. The subject wells would be drilled from five surface locations in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 16 of Section 25, Township 20, Range 14, West of the 4th Meridian, LSD 9-36-20-14W4M, LSD 15-25-20-14W4M, LSD 14-36-20-14W4M, and LSD 2-36-20-14W4M. The purpose of the proposed wells would be to obtain natural gas containing no hydrogen sulphide from various combinations of the Milk River Formation, Medicine Hat Sand, and Second White Speckled Shale. The proposed wells would be located about 6 kilometres east of the Village of Duchess.

### **2.2 Intervention**

John Millard filed an objection to the applications. Mr. Millard is authorized to act as one of two representatives pursuant to a Joint Enduring Power of Attorney on behalf Bern Berg, landowner of Section 36-20-14W4M and the north half of Section 25-20-14W4M. Mr. Millard's objection to the applications involved concerns related to environmental sensitivity of the land, drilling fluids, sumps, ground disturbance, timing, and property value. Mr. Berg's other representative did not object to the applications.

### **2.3 Hearing**

The examiner panel and staff conducted a visit of the general area to view the lands where the proposed wells would be located on March 10, 2009, prior to opening the hearing.

Board-appointed examiners L. D. Wilson-Temple (Presiding Member), L. P. Touchette, and B. C. Hubbard, P.Eng., held a public hearing in Brooks, Alberta, on March 11, 2009, to consider the applications and intervention.

At the opening of the hearing, Mr. Millard was not present; the examiners initially adjourned the hearing for 30 minutes to await Mr. Millard's arrival and then extended the adjournment to 60

minutes. Upon reconvening, Mr. Millard was not present. The hearing proceeded with the registration of the participants and the registration of the applicant's evidence; which included Mr. Millard's objection letters, subsequent correspondence between EnCana and Mr. Millard providing information as requested by Mr. Millard, and documentation appointing Mr. Millard as a representative pursuant to a Joint Enduring Power of Attorney on behalf of Bern Berg. Following the registration of the evidence, the hearing proceeded with the cross-examination of the applicant. At the conclusion of this cross-examination, Mr. Millard had still not appeared to represent his intervention. Therefore the hearing was closed.

Those who appeared at the hearing are listed in Appendix 1.

### **3 FINDINGS**

In reaching the recommendation contained within this report, the examiners have considered all relevant materials constituting the record of this proceeding, including the evidence submitted by the applicant. Although Mr. Millard was not present to provide any evidence or argument to support his intervention, the examiners considered Mr. Millard's concerns as stated in his objection letters.

The examiners are satisfied that EnCana's applications meet all technical and regulatory requirements, and in the examiners' views EnCana has taken appropriate steps to minimize the impacts of the proposed wells on Mr. Berg's lands. Therefore, the examiners recommend the approval of Applications No. 1572056, 1572074, 1572089, 1572149, 1572244, and 1572268.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on April 16, 2009.

### **ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD**

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L. D. Wilson-Temple  
Presiding Member

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L. P. Touchette  
Examiner

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B. C. Hubbard, P.Eng.  
Examiner

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**APPENDIX 1 HEARING PARTICIPANTS**

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**Principals and Representatives**  
(Abbreviations used in report)**Witnesses**

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