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**BURLINGTON RESOURCES CANADA LTD.
SPECIAL GAS WELL SPACING
VIKING-KINSELLA AREA**

**Decision 2005-073
Application No. 1380835**

DECISION

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

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, on July 19, 2005.

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

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Neil McCrank, Q.C.
Chairman

**EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING
BURLINGTON RESOURCES CANADA LTD.
SPECIAL GAS WELL SPACING
VIKING-KINSELLA AREA**

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1 RECOMMENDATION

For the reasons noted below, the examiners appointed by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board) recommend that the hearing to consider a portion of Application No. 1380835 be cancelled.

1.1 Application

Burlington Resources Canada Ltd. (Burlington) applied pursuant to Section 79(4) of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act* and Section 5.190 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations* to suspend the existing spacing provisions and establish a holding for the production of gas from the Viking Formation in 66 sections, as shown on the attached figure.

Burlington also proposed that the holding be subject to the following provisions:

- Wells producing from the holding shall be at least 600 metres (m) from each other well producing from the same pool.
- Wells producing from the holding shall be at least 300 m from the boundaries of the holding.
- Well density within the holding is limited to two wells per pool per section.

The Board approved the requested special spacing in part for all of the application area except for a nine-section area, as shown on the attached figure. The Board-appointed examiners K. G. Sharp, P.Eng. (Presiding Member), G. A. Habib, and W. Elsner, P.Geol., to consider whether special spacing was appropriate for the remaining nine sections at a hearing.

1.2 Interventions

Signalta Resources Limited, a mineral lessee with interests adjacent to the initial area of application, filed an objection to the application.

2 DISCUSSION

Subsequent to the Board approving part of the application as noted above, and prior to the setting of a date for the hearing, Burlington withdrew that portion of the application area that was to have been the subject of the hearing. The examiners consider that the record for the proceedings closed on June 24, 2005.

As there is no longer any request outstanding to establish special spacing for the area in question, the examiners recommend that the hearing be cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on July 7, 2005.

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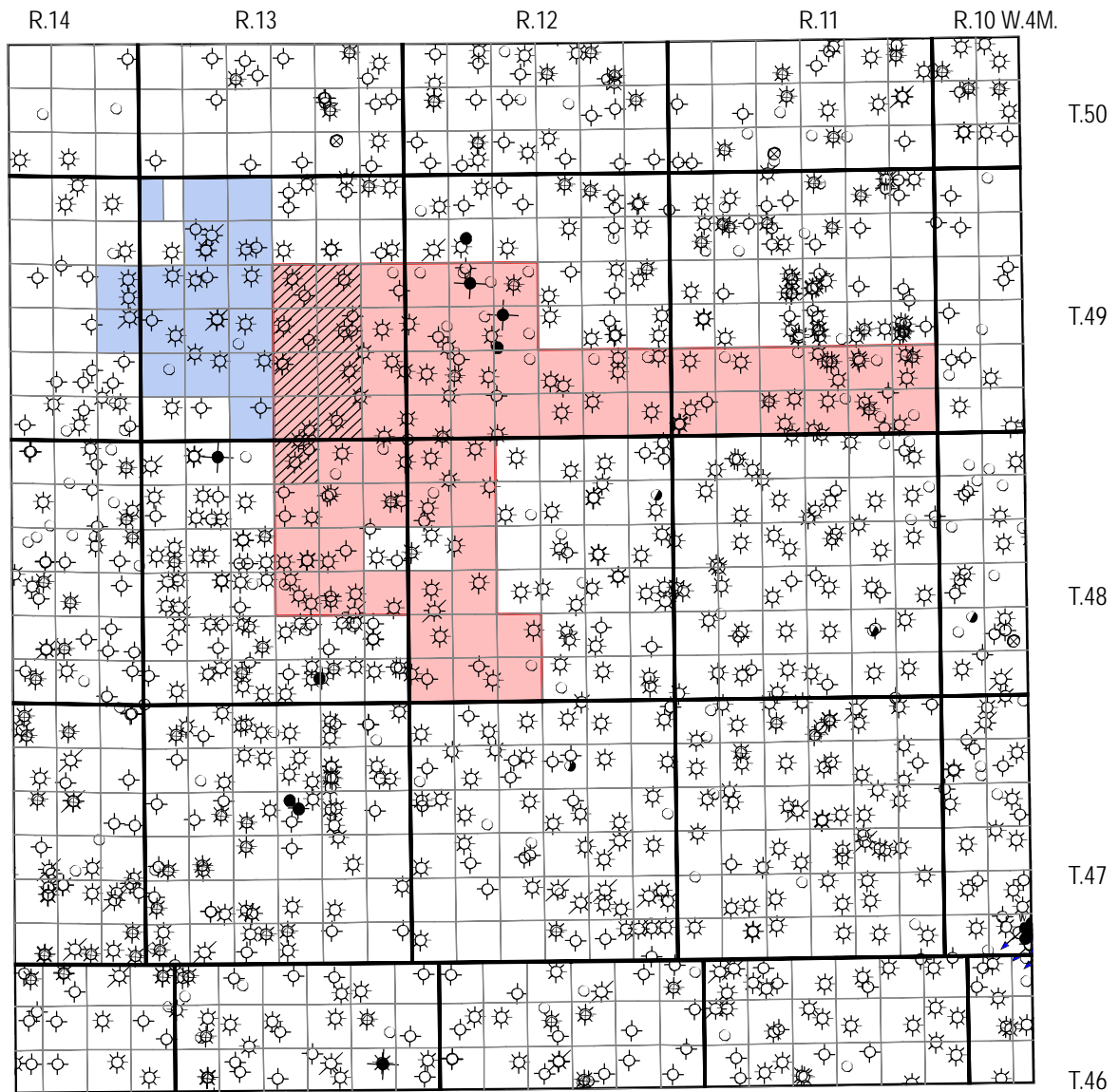
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Examiner

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W. Elsner, P.Geol.
Examiner



Legend

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| | Abandoned | | Injection | | Oil | | Undefined |
| | Abandoned crude bitumen | | Observation | | Suspended | | |
| | Abandoned gas | | Disposal | | Suspended crude bitumen | | |
| | Abandoned oil | | Drilled and cased | | Suspended gas | | |
| | Crude bitumen | | Gas | | Suspended oil | | |
| | Initial area of application | | Initial area of application to be considered at a hearing; area subsequently withdrawn from the application | | Interests of Signalta Resources Limited as operator of the West Viking Gas Unit | | |

Overview of Application No. 1380835, Viking-Kinsella Area