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Decision 2007-018 Application No. 1483562

1 DECISION

Pursuant to Section 20 of the *Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Rules of Practice*, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board) accepts Birchcliff Energy Ltd.'s (Birchcliff) request to withdraw Application No. 1483562 and therefore will not schedule a public hearing to consider it.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Birchcliff applied to the EUB, pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a licence to drill a vertical well from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 1 of Section 31, Township 71, Range 4, West of the 6th Meridian, to obtain gas production from the Bluesky-Bullhead Formation. The maximum hydrogen sulphide concentration in the gas to be produced from the well was anticipated to be 0.00 moles per kilomole (0.00 per cent).

2.2 Intervention

Landowners Alex McDonald and Shelley McDonald (the McDonalds) opposed approval of the application. The McDonalds' concerns were related to well location, effects on health, water quality, disturbance of their buffalo herd, and impacts on their farming activities.

3 DISCUSSION

On January 30, 2007, Birchcliff notified the EUB that it wished to withdraw Application No. 1483562, pursuant to Section 20 of the *Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Rules of Practice*. Birchcliff indicated that it intended to prepare an application for the pipeline associated with the well before proceeding with the project. Accordingly, the Board accepts the withdrawal of the application.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on March 13, 2007.

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