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**TALISMAN ENERGY INC.
SECTION 39 REVIEW REQUEST OF
WELL LICENCE 0377719
ELMWORTH FIELD**

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Proceeding 1547832**

1 DECISION

Having accepted Talisman Energy Inc.'s (Talisman's) request to surrender Well Licence 0377719, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board) hereby directs that the well licence be cancelled and that the public hearing scheduled to review Well Licence 0377719 also be cancelled.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

On June 1, 2007, the Board approved Application 1514139 and issued Well Licence 0377719 to Talisman, in accordance with Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*. The licence was for the drilling of a vertical well from a surface location at Legal Subdivision 12, Section 21, Township 70, Range 7, West of the 6th Meridian (the 12-21 well) for the purpose of producing natural gas from the Bluesky-Bullhead Formation. The proposed well would have been located about 10 kilometres southwest of Grande Prairie.

2.2 Application 1524004

On August 23, 2007, the EUB received a letter from Paul Henri Pivert, adjacent landowner, requesting that the Board conduct a review and variance of the decision to grant Well Licence 0377719, pursuant to Section 39 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Act*. The EUB registered the request as Application 1524004. The request for review related to potential adverse effects from the well and access road on residential development plans, among other concerns.

2.3 Proceeding 1547832

On October 29, 2007, the Board granted the request for a review hearing and registered it as Proceeding 1547832. The purpose of the proceeding was to determine whether the Board should confirm, vary, or rescind its decision to grant Well Licence 0377719.

2.4 Hearing

The Board was scheduled to hold a public hearing in Grande Prairie, Alberta, on February 20, 2008, before Acting Board Members C. D. Hill (Presiding Acting Board Member), R. J. Willard, P.Eng., and F. Rahnama, Ph.D.

3 DISCUSSION

On January 3, 2008, Talisman submitted a letter indicating that it no longer intended to drill the 12-21 well and voluntarily surrendered Well Licence 0377719. The Board has accepted the surrender of the licence and therefore considers a review hearing to no longer be necessary. The Board further directs that Well Licence 0377719 be cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on February 19, 2008.

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