

Via Email

October 2, 2006

TO: Registered and Interested Parties (Attached Schedules A and B)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

RE: PROCEEDING NO. 1457147, COALBED METHANE (CBM) REVIEW HEARING

Further to the above captioned matter, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) would like to clarify and confirm certain procedural matters with all participants prior to the commencement of the hearing on October 16, 2006. The Board believes that this will streamline and facilitate the hearing process. These procedural matters are as follows:

1. **Preliminary motions.** If any of the participants intend to make preliminary motions, the Board directs that such motions be filed with the Board no later than 1 pm on October 10, 2006 so that they can be dealt in advance of the hearing commencing.
2. **Daily hearing schedule.** The Board intends to sit from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. During this time, there will be two twenty minute breaks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
3. **Opening remarks by panels.** The Board directs that opening remarks made by any of the witness panels will be distributed to all participants at least 24 hours in advance of being made.
4. **Time estimates.** Kindly provide estimates of the amount of time required to present direct evidence and to conduct cross-examination. Please provide this information to the Board no later than 1 pm on October 10, 2006.
5. **Third party aids** (e.g. powerpoint presentations, graphs, etc.). The Board kindly requests that all aids be distributed to all parties at least 24 hours in advance of being used in the hearing.
6. **Electronic record (including exhibit list).** The Board hopes that all parties will use the electronic record (including exhibit list) that has been developed with the assistance of all participants. The Board intends to finalize this electronic record (including exhibit list) by October 3, 2006. Once this is finalized, the Board will distribute a CD with all this information to the participants by October 6, 2006.

Also, the Board requests when referring to excerpts from the evidence and submissions, participants will identify the passage (i.e. page numbers) using both the electronic and paper reference.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in the above matters. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

<original signed by>

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