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Via Fax and E-Mail

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board  
Applications Group  
640 - 5th Avenue S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
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Attention: Gary D. Perkins, Board Counsel

Dear Sir:

Re: GB 2003-28  
BITUMEN CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS  
ATHABASCA WABISKAW-MCMURRAY  
PHASE 3 FINAL PROCEEDING  
PROCEEDING NO. 1347905

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On behalf of Canadian Natural Resources Limited ("Canadian Natural"), we write regarding the dates for resumption of the Hearing. Canadian Natural previously submitted dates that it was not available. When considering those dates (July 29 to August 5; and August 15 to August 29) along with the dates that other parties have indicated they are not available and the matters currently pending, we respectfully request that the Hearing not be resumed before the September long weekend, i.e. not before September 6, 2005.

Yours truly,  
THACKRAY BURGESS

Patrick J. McGovern

cc: Client  
cc: Interested Parties (Via E-mail)