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January 26, 2004

To: Parties on the Attached List

**RE: GENERAL BULLETIN 2003-28 (GB 2003-28)
BITUMEN CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
ATHABASCA WABISKAW-MCMURRAY
PHASE 3 PROCEEDINGS**

This letter is further to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board's (Board) letter dated January 2, 2004, describing the deadlines leading to the commencement of Phase 3 interim proceedings on March 8, 2004. The Board has received the following correspondence in relation to Phase 3 of the Bitumen Conservation Requirements:

- Letter dated January 7, 2004 from counsel for Paramount Energy Trust. The Board responded in a letter dated January 20, 2004.
- Letter dated January 19, 2004 from counsel for Canadian Natural Resources Limited.
- Letter dated January 19, 2004 from EnCana Corporation, BP Canada Energy Company, Devon Canada Corporation, and Paramount Energy Operating Corporation.

A copy of each of these letters is attached to this letter.

The Board has decided to give all parties interested in the Phase 3 proceedings an opportunity to provide written comments on the matters raised in the attached letters. Any party wishing to provide comments must do so no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday January 30, 2004. Please direct your comments to Gary Perkins, the Board's Counsel for the Phase 3 proceedings.

Notwithstanding that the Board will be considering the requests made in the attached letters, parties intending to file a notice of disagreement with the EUB Staff Submission Group's recommendations should continue their efforts so as to be in a position to file those on February 9, 2004.

Yours truly,

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