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**RE: GENERAL BULLETIN 2003-28 (GB 2003-28)
BITUMEN CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
ATHABASCA WABISKAW-MCMURRAY
APPLICATION NO. 1333566: PHASE 3 PROCEEDINGS
AND APPLICATIONS NO. 1067996, 1283132, 1290220, 1294457 AND 1299696
FOR APPROVAL TO PRODUCE GAS**

By letter dated March 8, 2004 counsel for BP Canada Energy Company (BP) objected to a portion of the reply evidence filed by Nexen Canada Ltd. (Nexen) that raised an objection to the SSG's recommendation with respect to the McMurray GG Pool. Nexen has replied in a letter indicating that the recommendation in fact is an identification of an error by the SSG, in that the SSG intended to recommend that the McMurray GG Pool be shut in but did not do so.

The Board has considered the matter and has decided that it will not allow the Nexen objection to the SSG's recommendation with respect to the McMurray GG Pool to stand in the upcoming hearing due to the lateness in Nexen filing the objection. If, as Nexen contends, there is an error in the recommendations made by the SSG, then the SSG can address that matter if it chooses to do so. Nexen or any other party will have an opportunity to raise the matter of production from the McMurray GG Pool in the final hearing.

Yours truly,

Gary D. Perkins
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cc: Participating parties and counsel