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Attention: Mr. Gary Perkins

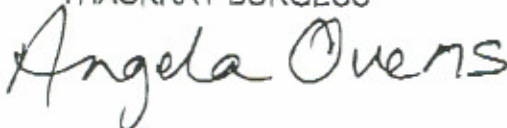
Dear Mr. Perkins:

Re: EUB Application Nos. 1394112, 1409180 and 1481725  
Cold Lakes Sands Area - Clearwater Deposit

Canadian Natural submits that this matter must be heard as soon as possible because continued gas production is jeopardizing recovery of a much greater quantity of bitumen. Were gas production to be shut in, a more relaxed schedule could be adopted as the risk to the bitumen would be removed. Unfortunately, however, gas production continues and the bitumen remains at risk from that continued production. We further wish to point out that Canadian Natural's application has been outstanding for quite some time (a matter of years) and gas production has continued during that time.

We do acknowledge the efforts all parties have made to complete their submissions and provide the relevant background information. At this point, however, we submit that should it be determined that an adjournment is warranted that such adjournment should be as brief as possible; a matter of days and not weeks.

Yours truly,  
THACKRAY BURGESS



for: Patrick J. McGovern

cc: McCarthy Tetrault LLP  
Attention: Mr. D.G. Davies

cc: Husky Oil Operations Limited  
Attention: Ms. Susan Anderson



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