

Via Fax and E-Mail

October 12, 2006

Interested Parties (See Attached)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

EnCana Oil and Gas Partnership (EnCana) Application No. 1394112
Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) Application No. 1409180
Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) Application No. 1481725
Cold Lake Oil Sands Area – Clearwater Deposit

As you are aware, on September 5, 2006, Husky requested, in its submission, the shut in of wells which were not part of the applications before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) at that time. In a letter dated September 8, 2006, the Board advised all interested parties that it would not consider the shut in request unless Husky filed an application. On October 3, 2006, Husky filed an application to shut in Clearwater gas from 10 wells in the Cold Lake Oil Sands Area and requested that the Board join its application to applications 1394112 and 1409180 and that it be considered at the oral hearing scheduled for October 31, 2006.

The Board is seeking the views of the parties on this request.

The Board notes that a submission process for the EnCana and CNRL applications was set to afford the applicants an opportunity to complete their applications and for the filing of information requests and responses on the applications, as well as on the submissions of the interveners, submissions of interveners, and for reply evidence by the applicants. The Board is mindful that the Husky application was filed at the tail end of the process. However, the request to hear all the applications at the same hearing is being considered, as the Husky shut in request raises the same issues as the other two applications and it would be more efficient for the parties and the Board to hold one hearing. However, fairness dictates that the parties have an opportunity to engage in a similar submission process for the Husky application as was set out for the other two applications. In addition, the Board also wants to consider any concerns of EnCana and CNRL regarding a delay in the hearing of their applications.

As the current hearing is scheduled for October 31, 2006, if any changes are to be made, these should be done without delay. The Board proposes that, if the Husky application is joined, then the October 31, 2006 hearing would be adjourned and the following tentative submissions schedule would be set:

- October 27, 2006 - Husky to file further evidence to complete its application
- November 10, 2006 - Information Requests to Husky
- November 24, 2006 - Response to information requests by Husky
- December 8, 2006 - Submissions by interveners and interested parties
- December 22, 2006 - Information requests to interveners and interested parties
- January 12, 2007 - Response to information requests by interveners and interested parties
- January 26, 2007 - Reply evidence by EnCana, CNRL and Husky

A hearing would be set for early February, for example February 6, 2007. In addition, Board staff would ask Husky for additional information to complete its application in the next few days and would recommend to the parties that they not wait for the proposed date for the information requests to ask questions of Husky in relation to its application.

Please respond by 10 am October 13, 2006, so that the Board may inform the parties of its decision on the question of joining of the Husky application.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

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