

July 23, 2010
Via E-Mail

TO: PARITES REGISTERED IN PROCEEDING 169

RE: ERCB PROCEEDING 169
APPLICATION NO. 1613543 BY SUNSHINE OIL SANDS LTD.
APPLICATION NO. 1616123 BY TOTAL E & P CANADA LTD.
APPLICATION NO. 1506272 BY PARAMOUNT ENERGY OPERATING
CORPORATION
GAS PRODUCTION AND SHUT-IN APPLICATIONS
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA

APPLICATION NO.1647807 BY ATHABASCA OIL SANDS CORPORATION
GAS SHUT-IN APPLICATION
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA

The Board has considered the inquiry from Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) as to whether its two letters dated June 17, 2010 were considered by the Board when it made its decision as stated in a letter dated June 30 2010. The Board has asked me to communicate its response.

In the June 30, 2010 letter the Board decided to reschedule the current final hearing in Proceeding 169, in order to first consider the interim shut-in requests made by Athabasca Oil Sands Corporation (AOSC). The Board then set out a submission schedule for the interim-shut in requests, after which the Board intends to have the final hearing resume.

On June 17, 2010, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) filed submissions regarding AOSC's shut-in requests and on the request by Paramount to consolidate all the wells into one hearing. Unfortunately, as the letters were not submitted to DDS and the Electronic Proceeding System (EPS) until July 6, 2010, those submissions were not put before the Board when making its decision. The Board has now considered CNRL's submissions and it finds that the issues raised by CNRL regarding the consolidation of the wells into one hearing, which include fairness to the parties and efficiency of the hearing, were, in fact, already considered by the Board in its deliberations. In regards to the possible impact on CNRL of shutting in the additional 25 wells, the Board notes that the shut in of these wells has not yet been determined, and CNRL has the opportunity to speak to the appropriateness of shutting in these wells in its submissions during the interim-shut in proceeding.

Accordingly, the Board's decision dated June 30, 2010 remains unchanged.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

David Burns
Counsel