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Attention: Larry D. Martinuzzi

Dear Mr. Martinuzzi:

**RE: ERCB Decision 2009-061 and Interim Shut-In Order 09-003  
Athabasca Oil Sands Area**

Board staff has reviewed your letter dated January 22, 2010, asking the Board to consider adding the wells listed in Table 1 of your letter to Interim Shut-in Order 09-003. Before presenting your request to the Board for its decision, the ERCB requires additional information from you.

Your letter states "Based on the initial pressure information that PEOC has, it is believed that these wells (3 in total) should be added to the list of wells in Amendment A to Interim Shut-in Order 09-003". Board staff understands that PEOC believes the initial pressures in these wells indicate depletion, however, Table 1 of your letter indicates these wells are not presently designated to pools that are shut-in under Order 09-003. Can you provide additional information to indicate that the gas zones in these wells are associated with potentially recoverable bitumen? For example, are you asserting that these intervals are in or are connected to pools that are presently shut-in under Order 09-003, and if so please provide the basis for your assertion. If not, is it your belief that these wells are nevertheless in pressure communication with potentially recoverable bitumen, and if so please provide the basis for your belief.

Yours truly,

Gary D Perkins  
Board Counsel