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Decision 2008-036 Applications No. 1545827 and 1513083

1 DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has accepted the request of Apache Canada Ltd. (Apache) to withdraw the applications and will not hold a public hearing to consider them.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Applications

Apache applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (now the Energy Resources Conservation Board), pursuant to Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a licence to drill a vertical well from a surface location at Legal Subdivision (LSD) 7, Section 26, Township 38, Range 22, West of the 4th Meridian. The purpose of the well would be to obtain gas from the Belly River Formation and coalbed methane from the Edmonton Formation. No hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) was expected to be encountered in the drilling of the well.

Apache also applied, pursuant to Part 4 of the *Pipeline Act*, for approval to construct and operate a pipeline from an existing well at LSD 10-26-38-22W4M and the proposed well at LSD 7-26-38-22W4M to an existing pipeline tie-in at LSD 10-26-38-22W4M. The proposed pipeline would have transported natural gas containing no H_2S . It would have been about 0.60 kilometres in length, with a maximum outside diameter of 114 millimetres.

2.2 Intervention

Ralph Pole and Laurel Pole (the Poles), landowners where the proposed well and pipeline were proposed to be drilled and constructed, filed an objection in opposition to the subject applications. The Poles raised concerns regarding safety, noise, compressor equipment, weeds, property values, and the reclamation of an existing well site located on their property.

3 DISCUSSION

By letter dated April 15, 2008, Apache notified the ERCB that it was withdrawing the applications. Pursuant to Section 21 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice*, the Board has accepted the withdrawal of the applications. As such, a public hearing to consider the applications will not be held.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on May 1, 2008.

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