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ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Calgary Alberta

CONOCOPHILLIPS CANADA OPERATIONS LTD. APPLICATIONS FOR A WELL LICENCE AND A PIPELINE LICENCE Decision 2010-038 PEMBINA FIELD Applications No. 1632981 and 1643646

1 DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has accepted the applicant's request to withdraw its applications and has cancelled the public hearing.

2 APPLICATIONS

ConocoPhillips Canada Operations Ltd. (Conoco) applied to the ERCB for licences to drill an E-610 critical sour well and construct an oil effluent pipeline. The well was to be drilled from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 15 of Section 28, Township 49, Range 8, West of the 5th Meridian (W5M). The maximum hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) concentration would have been approximately 219.7 moles per kilomole (21.97 per cent) with a cumulative drilling H₂S release rate of 2.76 cubic metres per second (m³/s) and a corresponding emergency planning zone (EPZ) of 2.96 kilometres (km). The purpose of the well was to obtain oil production from the Nisku Formation. The proposed pipeline was for transportation of oil effluent, with an H₂S content of 310 moles per kilomole (31 per cent), from the proposed well to a tie in point at LSD 7-33-49-8W5M; the corresponding EPZ for the pipeline was 1.93 km. The well and pipeline were to be located approximately 8 kilometres northwest of Drayton Valley.

Objections to the applications were filed by Ken and Janina MacKenzie and Mike and Grace Mueller.

3 DISCUSSION

On November 18, 2010, the applicant notified the ERCB that it was withdrawing the applications pursuant to Section 21 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice*, and the Board accepted the withdrawal of the applications and cancelled the hearing.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on November 25, 2010.

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