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BP Experimental Tight Gas (02)

Dear Mr. Luciuk:

**RE: EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME FOR TIGHT GAS DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL 01-15-007; NOEL AREA, NIKANASSIN FORMATION**

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated April 6, 2004 requesting that the expiry deadline for the subject "Experimental Scheme" be extended by one year from July 16, 2004 to July 16, 2005.

Please note that the approval was granted on August 23, 2001. Therefore, in accordance with section 57 of the *Drilling & Production Regulation*, all well reports and well data within the scheme area will be held confidential for a period of 3 years from the date of approval (or until August 23, 2004).

We wish to advise that the Commission cannot grant an extension to the expiry period, as no provisions exist in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act for such an action.

For your information, after August 23, 2004, you may wish to explore the possibility of locating new wells within the scheme area to qualify as Exploratory Outpost thereby keeping data confidential for a period of 6 months from rig release date.

Please note that the progress report, as specified in item 5 of the approval, must be submitted on an annual basis. A report was submitted to the Commission in February 2002. Accordingly, a report is currently overdue and must be submitted at your earliest.

Sincerely,

Craig Gibson, P. Eng.
Director
Resource Conservation Branch

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