



OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

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BP Experimental CBM Proj #2 (03)

[ Rescinded Nov. 20, 2002  
- area combined with Proj #1 ]

Dear Mr. Luciuk:

**RE: EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME FOR COAL BED METHANE  
OJAY AREA, GATES AND GETHING FORMATION COALS**

The Commission has reviewed your application dated December 13, 2001 requesting approval of an experimental scheme to test coalbed methane (CBM) potential from the early Cretaceous coals in the Ojay area of northeast British Columbia.

The Commission designates the early Cretaceous coals as the Gates and Gething Formation coals.

Attached is Approval 02-15-001 for the application granted under section 100 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act. The CBM scheme is considered experimental as it involves a potentially long dewatering period with unknown gas flow rates. Approval of an experimental scheme allows determining permeability and production testing of the wells for a long period with sweet gas flaring. No objections were received following the publication of a notice of your application in the B.C. Gazette. Please note that the approved scheme area includes lands presently held under Drilling Licences (DL #'s 50798 and 52132). Approval amendment may be required to reflect the lands BP controls once lease selections have been made.

Disposal of produced water will be to an underground formation as specified by section 94 of the *Drilling and Production Regulation (D & P Regulation)* unless otherwise approved by the Commission. Similarly, gas analyses and bottom hole pressure measurements will be required as specified by section 90 and 95, respectively, of the *D & P Regulation* unless otherwise approved by the Commission.

In accordance with section 57 of the *D & P Regulation* all well reports and well data within the scheme area will be held confidential for a period of 3 years.

Sincerely,

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Manager  
Reservoir Engineering and Geology

Attachment

cc: Petroleum Lands Branch  
Ministry of Energy and Mines

Approval Letters to Industry  
GEP, SWD, CONCURRENT PROD,  
PRESSURE MAINTENANCE,  
WATERFLOOD, ETC.

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APPROVAL 02-15-001

**THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ACT**  
**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION**

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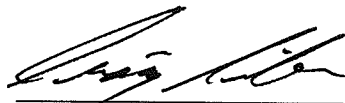
IN THE MATTER of the experimental scheme of BP Canada Energy Company (BP), to test coalbed methane potential of the Gates and Gething Formation coals of the Ojay area of northeast British Columbia.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, pursuant to section 100 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.361 orders as follows:

1. The experimental scheme to test coalbed methane potential by exploration and pilot production from the Gates and Gething Formation coals in the Ojay area as described in the application from BP to the Commission dated December 13, 2001 is hereby approved, subject to terms and conditions herein contained.
2. The area of the experimental scheme consists of the following lands:

93-I-9	Block E - units 14-17, 24-27, 34-39, 44-49, 56-60, 66-70
93-I-10	Block H - units 51, 61, 72, 73, 82, 83, 92-95 Block I - units 2-5, 12-19, 22-29, 32-39, 42-49, 52-55, 62-65, 76, 77, 86, 87, 94-97
93-I-15	Block A - units 4-7.
3. Within 60 days after the end of each 6-month period, a report of the progress, performance and efficiency of the scheme during that period must be filed. The following information must be included in the progress report:
  - The daily average rate of gas and water production during each month for each producing well, and for the scheme as a whole;
  - The monthly cumulative gas and water production for each producing well, and for the scheme as a whole;
  - Representative sample analysis of produced water obtained once each 6 months;
  - The date and type of any well treatment or workover for any well in the scheme;
  - All information gathered to evaluate the coal's reservoir qualities such as gas content, desorption analysis, injectivity tests and permeabilities of coal seams.
  - Any other information that is considered necessary, in the opinion of the Commission, to evaluate the progress, performance and efficiency of the scheme.

4. Associated gas produced during the pilot testing may be flared for a maximum period of 6 months with a total volume not to exceed  $255 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3/\text{well}$ .
5. A well may be drilled anywhere within the scheme area provided that it is not nearer than 250 m to the sides of the scheme area.
6. All information and analysis related to the scheme shall be made available to the Commission upon request.
7. The approval or any condition of it may be modified or rescinded upon application or if deemed appropriate by the Commission.



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DATED AT the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2002.