

July 19, 2012

5100-5000-59240-06

Paul Neumeister Staff Development Engineer Enerplus Corporation Suite 3000, 333 - 7th Avenue S.W. Calgary, AB T2P 2Z1

Dear Mr. Neumeister:

RE:

GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE SPECIAL PROJECT OTHER THAN NORMAL SPACING ORDER JULIENNE CREEK FIELD – MONTNEY 'A' POOL

The Commission has reviewed your application dated June 19, 2012, requesting approval of Good Engineering Practice for an area within the Julienne Creek field - Montney 'A' formation.

Gas recovery from this resource will benefit from the ability to produce horizontal wells in optimal locations, drilling from central sites. For regulatory purposes, the Commission designates the entire Montney 'A' pool as a single formation, removing commingling as an issue.

The following Orders are attached;

- 1) Order 12-06-019 designating Good Engineering Practice within a portion of the Julienne Creek field Montney 'A' formation as a Special Project under section 75 of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, and
- 2) Order 12-06-019-OTN approving Other Than Normal Spacing under section 65.1 of the *Petroleum* and *Natural Gas Act* for the subject pool and area.

Several sections of land in the application area not included in this Order may be requested in a future amendment application, once additional development has occurred.

As a Good Engineering Practice special project, the applicant intends to locate, complete and operate wells in a manner to optimize resource recovery while minimizing surface impacts. No objections were received following notice of application on the OGC website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ron Stefik at (250) 419-4430 or Michelle Gaucher at (250) 419-4482.

Sincerely,

Richard Slocomb, P.Eng

Deputy Commissioner, Engineering

Oil and Gas Commission

Attachments

IN THE MATTER of an application from Enerplus Corporation to the Oil and Gas Commission dated June 19, 2012, for a Good Engineering Practice project.

ORDER 12-06-019

1 Under Section 75(1)(a) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, the Julienne Creek field – Montney 'A' pool is designated as a special project for the enhanced recovery of natural gas utilizing Good Engineering Practice within the following area;

NTS 94-B-15 Block I - Units 92-95

NTS 94-G-2 Block A – Units 2-5, 12-20, 22-30, 34-40, 44-50, 54-60, 64-70, 74-80, 84-90, 94-100
Block B – Units 11, 21, 31-33, 41-43, 51-55, 61-65, 71-75, 81-85, 91-93
Block G – Units 1-3, 11-13, 21-23, 31-33, 41-43, 52, 53, 62, 63

Block H – Units 4-10, 14-20, 24-30, 36, 37, 40, 46, 47, 50.

Richard Slocomb, P.Eng

Deputy Commissioner, Engineering

Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 20 day of July 2012.

IN THE MATTER of an application from Enerplus Corporation to the Oil and Gas Commission dated June 12, 2012 for Other Than Normal Spacing.

ORDER 12-06-019-OTN

1 Under Section 65.1(2) of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, Other Than Normal Spacing is approved within the Julienne Creek field Montney 'A' formation within the following area;

NTS 94-B-15 Block I - Units 92-95

NTS 94-G-2 Block A – Units 2-5, 12-20, 22-30, 34-40, 44-50, 54-60, 64-70, 74-80, 84-90, 94-100
Block B – Units 11, 21, 31-33, 41-43, 51-55, 61-65, 71-75, 81-85, 91-93
Block G – Units 1-3, 11-13, 21-23, 31-33, 41-43, 52, 53, 62, 63
Block H – Units 4-10, 14-20, 24-30, 36, 37, 40, 46, 47, 50

- 2 Under section 65.1(3) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, I specify the following:
 - a) the target area for a gas well completed within the project area is not nearer than 150 m to the sides of the Other Than Normal Spacing area
 - b) a gas well completed outside the specified target area may be subject to an off-target production penalty
 - c) gas wells drilled within the specified project area are not subject to spacing requirements.

Ron Stefik, Engl

A/Supervisor, Reservoir Engineering

Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 19 day of July 2012.