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Dear Mr. Thomson:

**RE: GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE  
PICKELL NOTIKEWIN "A" POOL**

The Commission is in receipt of your letter dated April 16, 2004 requesting that the Good Engineering Practice (GEP) scheme application by Devon Canada for the subject pool be withheld until Devon agrees in writing to a similar GEP on joint Murphy/Devon lands in the area.

We wish to advise that a notice of Devon's application was published in the B.C. Gazette with March 11, 2004 being the last date for any objections. Please note that two GEP scheme approvals for portions of the subject pool were granted on March 31, 2004. The Approvals 04-06-033 and 04-06-034 were granted under Part 8, Division 6, Section 101 of the British Columbia *Drilling and Production Regulation*. The approvals are intended to allow operational flexibility and to allow the drilling of additional gas wells without spacing and target considerations for maximization of gas recovery.

The Commission believes that, for effective resource recovery from the relatively poor quality and low pressure Notikewin formation, at least two wells per section are required. As a result several GEP approvals have been granted for Notikewin gas production within the Drake, Pickell and Velma fields. It should be noted that, to avoid excessive production, a daily gas allowable (DGA) has been assigned to the spacing areas within the GEP scheme area which adjoin the border.

For the reasons given above, we would encourage an application for the joint Murphy/Devon lands.

Should you have any questions, please contact Peter Attariwala at (250) 952-0311 or Ron Stefik 952-0310.

Sincerely,

Craig Gibson, P. Eng.  
Director  
Resource Conservation Branch

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