

**January 7, 2021**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Via ZOOM (Online)**



**Attendance:**

Alister Wilson, CNRL	Eric Berg, AER	Spencer Sinclair, Paramount
Bettina van Nieuwkerk, County	Jeff Hartling, Town of Rocky	Thalia Aspeslet, Pieridae
Bri Laskosky, Student (West Central)	Jerry Pratt, Clearwater County	Trevor Roberts, Cenovus
Chris Sillito, Shell	Judy Winter, Community	Vanessa Cartwright, Keyera
Cole Thomson, TC Energy	Marcie Nieman, AER	Rick Anderson, Facilitator
Darcy Allen, Community	Michelle Meatheringham, Chamber	Dawn Thomas, Note taker
Don Riddle, Community	Murray Welch, Community	
Eleanor Vokes, Community	Sarah Barcelo, Repsol	

**Introductions:**

**REVIEW AGENDA:**

- Addition under Discussion Items: Industry Co-Chair Position

**REVIEW DECEMBER MEETING NOTES:**

- Approved

**UPDATES/ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Michele Del Colle**
  - Sympathy and condolences were shared on the news of Michele’s unfortunate passing. Michele was with the Farmer’s Advocate Office.
- **Student Bursary**
  - Wyatt’s cheque has been sent.
  - Grace has been contacted and asked if she would come and present any learnings/take-aways from her time with the group; would like her to complete this before releasing her cheque. Planning this for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Member invoices for 2021 have gone out
- Rick confirmed with CP Energy that the Facebook contract amount will remain the same as last year.

## MEMBER UPDATES/IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

*Members present gave verbal updates. Only written updates submitted are included in the meeting notes. Attendees shared activity updates, and information about local events. Please provide any written updates to Rick via email ([rick@rickandersonconsulting.com](mailto:rick@rickandersonconsulting.com))*

## WRITTEN UPDATES:

### **AER**

**NOTE:** for regular updates, please sign up for our [News Release Subscription](#) and [Subscribe to Updates](#)

### **Hearings:**

Benga Mine Application Hearing has been completed and Hearing Commissioners are reviewing evidence to provide a decision.

### **News Releases:**

ICORE Status

<https://www.aer.ca/providing-information/about-the-aer/governance/icore-investigation-reports>

### **Bulletins:**

#### **Bulletin 2020-27**

<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2020-27>

As of January 1, 2021, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will make decisions on surface material licences, leases, and exploration dispositions for oil and gas operators requiring borrow materials to build roads, pads, etc. to support energy activities. (A "borrow pit" is a small excavation providing materials for use in construction projects.)

We only decide on applications that meet the following criteria. All other applications remain the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment and Parks:

- Only sand, silt, or clay materials are removed.
- The materials are used to support an energy resource activity.
- The materials cannot be sold.

#### **Bulletin 2020-26**

<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2020-26>

On July 30, 2020, the Government of Alberta announced [a new liability management framework](#) and directed us to implement new liability management programs based upon it. The Government of Alberta has now approved rule changes to the [Oil and Gas Conservation Rules](#) and [Pipeline Rules](#) that enable us to make these changes. The changes to the rules include the following:

- The AER may now set closure spend targets (closure quotas) for industry to support timely inventory reduction.
- Licensees must provide closure plans when requested by the AER. We may direct the timing and priority of the work, and the closure plans could be subject to specific terms and conditions.
- Landowners and other eligible requestors may nominate inactive or abandoned wells and facilities for closure work through an "opt-in" process.
- We can now collect company financial and reserves information and ensure it is kept confidential.

There are several changes to AER requirements, processes, and systems that are also required as we work to improve existing liability programs and implement the new framework. We will be seeking public feedback on several changes.

### **Bulletin 2020-25**

<https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/rules-and-directives/bulletins/bulletin-2020-25>

On December 1, 2020, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) released the *Water Conservation Policy for Upstream Oil and Gas Operations (WCP)*, replacing the *Water Conservation and Allocation Policy for Oilfield Injection (2006)*. The WCP, which provides direction on water use, applies to the following energy subsectors:

1. oil sands thermal in situ operations,
2. enhanced oil recovery and cold bitumen enhanced recovery operations,
3. multistage hydraulic fracturing in horizontal wells, and
4. oil sands mining operations.

The WCP emphasizes the use of alternative water sources, including alternative nonsaline water (e.g., industrial wastewater, water from tailings ponds), over high-quality nonsaline water (e.g., lake or river water). This will reduce reliance on high-quality nonsaline water now and into the future.

We are currently developing the guidance document to implement the WCP for the first three subsectors listed above, which we expect to release in early 2021. Until then, applicants for Water Act licences in these subsectors should use the AEP's *Water Conservation and Allocation Guideline for Oilfield Injection (2006)*.

No changes are planned for oil sands mining operations. Nonsaline water allocation for oil sands mining will continue to follow the *Surface Water Quantity Management Framework for the Lower Athabasca River and the Tailings Management Framework for the Mineable Athabasca Oil Sands*.

The new policy also does not affect our application process. Companies are to continue to use the [Application for Water Act Licences form](#) and submit the completed form to [EPEA.WA.Applications@aer.ca](mailto:EPEA.WA.Applications@aer.ca).

### **Social Media:**

[AER YouTube](#)

### **Resource:**

[School of Rock](#)

The AER's Core Research Centre holds one of the largest collections of drilling history in the world.

### **TC Energy**

#### **NGTL Clearwater Compressor Station Unit C7 Addition Project:**

- Construction updates:
  - o Crews are resuming work after the holiday season, and are back at work on site the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - o Stakeholders in the area can expect to see us install our electrical auxiliary buildings and compression units within buildings being erected at the site.
  - o If there are any specific questions about our work near Caroline, please contact [Josh Pentland@tcenergy.com](mailto:Josh_Pentland@tcenergy.com)

## **2021 NGTL System Expansion Project (Brewster Pipeline Section and Nordegg Compressor Station Unit Addition):**

- We have launched [TC Energy's very first virtual open house](#) to support pre-construction engagement with communities across the Project footprint and are in the process of adding information on our prime contractors to the site.
- Strike Group is our construction partner for the 30 MW Nordegg Compressor Station Unit Addition and coolers being constructed.
  - o Adam Harvey is our Strike contact for the work happening at site. His team have created an email address where folks can connect with them directly for employment opportunities: [nordeggresumes@strikegroup.ca](mailto:nordeggresumes@strikegroup.ca)
- The Steel River SICIM Partnership (SRSP) will be our construction partner for the Brewster Pipeline Section extending northwest of Rocky Mountain House.
  - o The project will add 48.6 km of 48-inch pipeline to our Edson Mainline assets in the northern portion of Clearwater County.
  - o The SRSP team's community contact is Randy Danais, and I'll be working with him to share updates on behalf of TC Energy and our construction crew working on the pipeline.
  - o SRSP has a place for community members to express interest in employment opportunities at: [steelrivergroup.com/contact-us/careers](http://steelrivergroup.com/contact-us/careers)
- We face a 6-month delay on final approvals for the project including out final Planned Profile and Book of Reference (PPBoR) approvals, meaning mechanical construction of our pipeline will not commence before late January, 2021.
  - o Some pipeline in-service milestones may shift by up to a year from Q2 2021 to Q1-2 2022.
- NGTL is working with Sundre Forest Products and Clearwater County on upgrades to bridge infrastructure on Jackfish Lake Road.

## **2022 NGTL Edson Mainline Expansion Project**

- The project consists of two pipeline spreads:
  - o Elk River Section consists of 40 km of 48-inch pipeline located 115 km southeast from Hinton, AB, in Yellowhead and Clearwater Counties. Begins at SW 3-47-14-W5M and ends NW 20-43-12-W5M
  - o Alford Section consists of 45 km of 48-inch pipeline located 29 km west from Rocky Mountain House in Clearwater County. Begins at NE 14-39-10-W5M and ends at SE 3-36-7-W5M
- Below is the schedule of planned and completed activities:
  - o Q2-Q4 2018 – Initial Project Engagement began
  - o Q2 2019 – Filed a Section 52 application with Canada Energy Regulator (CER)
  - o The hearing is now closed and we anticipate a recommendation report by Nov. 26, 2020. That will then go to the GIC for review and potential approval.
  - o Q3 2021 – Subject to Regulatory Approval, commence project construction activities
  - o Q2 2022 – Anticipated In-service for all project components

## **NGTL 2022 (Raven River Section)**

- NGTL plans to host an online engagement event with key stakeholders on February 3, 2021 from 17:00-19:00 and will send invites in the coming weeks to WCS and other interested parties.
- We continue to engage with Indigenous communities, landowners, and communities on the Project.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Industry Co-Chair**

- VOLUNTEER: Spencer Sinclair, Paramount Resources put his name forward for Industry Co-Chair for West Central Stakeholders.

**MOTION:** Thalia Aspeslet moved that Spencer Sinclair be named as Industry Co-Chair for West Central Stakeholders;

**SECOND:** Cole Thomson;  
Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Trevor Roberts moved to remove previous Co-chair, Marcie Nieman from signing authority;

**SECOND:** Judy Winter;  
Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Eleanor Vokes moved that Spencer Sinclair be added to signing authority for the West Central Stakeholders;

**SECOND:** Thalia Aspeslet;  
Motion carried.

- Signing authorities for West Central Stakeholders are now:  
Gerald Knopp, Spencer Sinclair, Vanessa Cartwright, Brenda Ross, and Rick Anderson.
- Rick will arrange for updating the signing authority at the bank.

- **Group Structure**

- Terms of Reference: in preparation for this meeting Rick prepared a draft Terms of Reference document.

Discussion/Suggestions:

- Good to have a living document – this would have given the required information to answer some of the questions that have been brought forward in the past.
- Include in how the finances are handled: Where the funding is coming from and what would happen to the funding should the group dissolve.
- Name positions ie; industry/community co-chairs, treasurer, etc.

- Do we need to include a dismemberment clause?
- Preference to keep brief and not become onerous
- Rick will tweak a bit and bring back to the group for another look at next meeting

**Next Meeting(s):** February 4, 2021 from 3:00-5:00pm via ZOOM. Rick will see if CSUR (Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources) is available to provide a presentation.