



Regulatory Agenda

The period covered in this *Regulatory Agenda* the month of September 2000

Public Hearing Applications

Decision Rendered

- 1. **Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. on behalf of Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership (M&NP) - Tolls (File 4775-M124-1)**

Reasons for Decision dated August; issued on 27 September.

The Board approved an application from M&NP for final tolls for the transportation of natural gas on its pipeline system for the period 1 December 1999 to 30 September 2000.

The Board authorized M&NP a revenue requirement for the test period of approximately \$95.9 million, which is \$2.2 million less than the amount applied for by the company. The Board also approved a rate base of approximately \$716.9 million, which is \$11.6 million less than requested by M&NP. The rate of return on rate base approved by the Board is 8.596 per cent. The Board further decided that all firm deliveries

in Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick, to either primary or secondary delivery points, will receive the discounts as agreed to in the Joint Position on Tolling and Laterals, an agreement dated 19 June 1997 among the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Sable Offshore Energy Project and M&NP.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held from 26 June to 7 July in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Hearing Scheduled

- 1. **Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (TNPI) - Don Valley Lateral (Files 4775-R33 and 4775-T002)**

The Board will hold a public hearing commencing on Tuesday, 24 October, at a location to be announced, on an application from TNPI to suspend operation of its Don Valley Lateral in the Toronto area effective 1 January 2001. TNPI contends that the operation of the Don Valley

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Preface

The purpose of this agenda is to provide information on the Board's activities. Except where otherwise noted, jurisdiction over the items listed in the agenda is exercised pursuant to the *National Energy Board Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c.N-7, as amended.

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Lateral is uneconomic and has become a financial burden to shippers as the volumes being shipped on the line have declined to a point where costs greatly exceed revenues derived from its operation.

On 28 July, Roy-L Canadian Fuels Co. Ltd., a shipper on the Don Valley Lateral, applied to the Board for an order or a direction that TNPI shall not suspend service on the Lateral.

The Don Valley Lateral consists of 19 kilometers (12 miles) of 273 millimeter (10 inch) petroleum product pipeline. The pipeline runs from the TNPI mainline at Cummer Junction, west of Leslie Street and north of Finch Avenue, in the City of Toronto to TNPI's South Toronto meter station located at 9 Don Valley Parkway in the City of Toronto. A shipper line totalling 635 meters runs from the South Toronto meter station to a block valve located at the intersection of Commissioners and Saulter Streets in Toronto.

Hearing Adjourned

1. ***St. Clair Pipelines (1996) Ltd. (St. Clair) - TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Pipeline Projects in Ontario - Canadian Millennium Pipeline Project - GH-1-2000 (Files 3200-S119-1 and 3200-T001-15)***

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under *Hearing Applications, Hearing Adjourned* in the June 2000 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

Hearings Postponed

1. ***Mr. Robert A. Milne, 3336101 Ontario Limited, c.o.b. as Milne Crushing & Screening - MH-1-97***

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under *Hearing Applications, Hearings Postponed* in issue No. 62 of the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 October 1997.

2. ***Crowsnest Pipeline Project - Natural Gas Pipeline***

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under *Hearing Applications, Hearing Application Suspended* of issue No. 63 of the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 January 1998.

Hearing Application Filed

1. ***Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (Sumas) - International Power Line (File 2200-S040-1)***

On 7 July 1999, Sumas applied to construct a power line originating in the United States and crossing the International Boundary near Abbotsford, British Columbia. The proposed power line would extend approximately 8.5 kilometers (5.3 miles) from the border and would operate at 230 000 volts. The proposed power line would extend northward on the Canadian Pacific Railway, City of Abbotsford and BC Hydro existing rights-of-way to BC Hydro's Clayburn substation located in Abbotsford.

The proposed facility would enable Sumas to transmit power from the international border through the Clayburn substation to the main electric grid which services British Columbia, Alberta and 11 western U.S. states.

Proposed Hearing Application

1. ***Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Limited (GSCPL) - Preliminary Submission for the Proposed Georgia Strait Pipeline Crossing Project (GSX) (File 3200-G049-1)***

On 28 September, the Board decided to refer the GSX Project to the Minister of the Environment for a referral to a review panel.

On 7 March, GSPL filed a preliminary environmental scoping submission regarding a proposed application to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline to Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The company expects to file an application with the Board in the fall of 2000.

In May, the Board, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office have signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the environmental assessment process to be followed for the proposed GSX. The environmental assessment is to be coordinated to meet the federal requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), and the environmental requirements for permitting in the Province of British Columbia.

On 16 June, the Board requested comments from the public on a draft scope of the environmental assessment that is required under the CEAA for the GSX.

In June, July and August, Board staff held public meetings in several locations in British Columbia for the benefit of those persons interested in learning about the environmental assessment and regulatory review processes regarding a proposed application from GSCPL.

The proposed pipeline would transport natural gas from Sumas, Washington to Duncan on Vancouver Island. The Canadian portion of the 406.4 millimeter (16 inch) pipeline would originate at a point on the international border in Boundary Pass, Strait of Georgia, and inter-

connect with the existing Centra Gas British Columbia transmission system at a point south of Duncan, British Columbia. The Canadian portion of the pipeline would be approximately 50 kilometers (31 miles) in length, with approximately 37 kilometers (23 miles) being offshore and 13 kilometers (eight miles) onshore. The pipeline would have a capacity of 2.832 million cubic meters (100 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The estimated cost of the Canadian portion of the facilities is \$57 million and the planned in-service date is November 2002.

Non Hearing Applications

Electricity Matters

Matter Completed

1. ***Edison Mission Marketing & Trading Inc. (EMMT) - Transfer Electricity Permits (File 6200-C368-1-1)***

On 25 September, the Board approved an application dated 15 September from EMMT to transfer electricity Export Permits EPE-120 and EPE1-121 from Citizens Power Sales LLC to EMMT.

Matters Under Consideration

2. ***ENMAX Energy Corporation (ENMAX) - Electricity Export (File 6200-E035-1)***

On 31 August, ENMAX applied to export up to 400 and 1 000 megawatts of firm and interruptible power, respectively, and up to 3 504 and 8 760 gigawatt hours of firm and interruptible energy, respectively, per year for a period of five years.

3. ***TransAlta Energy Marketing Corp (TEM) - Electricity Export (File 6200-T90-1)***

On 19 May, TEM applied for permits to export up to 1 000 megawatts of firm or interruptible power and 8 760 gigawatt hours of firm or interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years. TEM is currently exporting power and energy under two existing permits that expire in 2000.

Natural Gas Matter

Matter Under Consideration

1. ***Engage Energy Canada, L.P. (Engage) - Transfer of Several Gas Export Licences***

For more information on this matter, refer to item 4 under *Other Applications, Natural Gas Matters* in issue No. 70 the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 October 1999.

Pipeline Matters

Matters Completed

1. ***Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) - Moncton Lateral and Custody Transfer Station (File 3400-M124-4)***

On 8 September, the Board approved an application dated 28 June from M&NP to construct the Moncton Lateral which will consist of 12.25 kilometers (7.6 miles) of 219.1 millimeter (eight inch) pipeline from M&NP's mainline to a proposed custody transfer station within the city limits of Moncton to provide natural gas service to Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's local distribution system which will serve the Moncton area (Order XG-M124-67-2000). The estimated cost of the project, including the custody transfer station, is \$5.7 million.

2. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) - St. George Lateral and Custody Transfer Station (File 3400-M124-6)

On 15 September, the Board approved an application dated 6 July from M&NP to construct the St. George Lateral which will consist of 832 meters of 60 millimeter (two inch) pipeline from M&NP's Saint John lateral to a proposed custody transfer station facility near St. George to provide natural gas service to Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's local distribution system which will serve the St. George area (Order XG-M124-69-2000). The estimated cost of the project, including the custody transfer station, is \$1.8 million.

3. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) - Fredericton Custody Transfer Station (File 3400-M124-5)

On 28 September, the Board approved an application dated 4 July from M&NP to construct the Fredericton custody transfer station to provide natural gas from M&NP's mainline to Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's local distribution system which will serve the Fredericton, Oromocto and Gagetown area (Order XG-M124-70-2000). The estimated cost of the project is \$1.6 million.

4. Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited (MIPL) - Natural Gas Pipeline Construction - Swan River Pipeline (File 3400-M29-31)

On 28 September, the Board approved an application dated 29 February from MIPL to construct 39 kilometers (24 miles) of 168.3 millimeter (six inch) natural gas pipeline (Order XG-M29-24-2000). The pipeline will extend from a point near Benito, Manitoba and proceed in a westerly direction terminating at a point of interconnection with the TransGas Limited system, near Norquay, Saskatchewan. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.3 million.

5. Novagas Canada Pipelines Limited Partnership (NCPLP) and Williams Energy (Canada), Inc. (Williams) - Sale and Purchase of the Taylor to Boundary Lake Pipeline (Files 3400-N074-4 and 3400-W039-1)

On 27 September, the Board approved applications dated 28 and 30 August from NCPLP and Williams for the sale by NCPLP to Williams of the Taylor to Boundary Lake Pipeline and associated (Orders MO-17-2000 and AO-2-OC-43). The Taylor to Boundary Lake

Pipeline consist of approximately 53 kilometers (33 miles) of 219.1 millimeter (eight inch) high vapor pressure natural gas liquids pipeline extending from NCPLP's pump station located at SW 8-83-17 W6M in British Columbia to metering facilities located at SE 14-85-13 W6M in Alberta.

6. Petroleum Transmission Company Limited (PTC) and Conoco Canada Limited (CCL) - Sale of a Natural Gas Pipeline (Files 3400-C154-1 and 3400-P015-18)

On 21 September, the Board approved an application dated 20 July from PTC and CCL for the sale and transfer of the PTC pipeline assets to CCL (Orders MO-16-2000 and AO-2-GC-19). The PTC pipeline consists of approximately 930 kilometers (577 miles) of 167.6 millimeter (six inch) natural gas pipeline extending from near Empress, Alberta to near Winnipeg, Manitoba.

7. Section 58 Applications

The Board has approved applications under section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act* involving routine pipeline facilities or the construction of pipelines not exceeding 40 kilometers in length. See Appendix I for details of the applications approved.

Matters Under Consideration

8. AEC Suffield Gas Pipeline Inc. - Amber Energy Inc. - Natural Gas Pipeline Construction - Ekwan Pipeline Project (File 3400-A167-1)

For more information on this matter, refer to item 7 under *Non Hearing Applications, Pipeline Matters* in issue No. 72 of the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 April 2000.

9. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) - Saint John Custody Transfer Stations (File 3400-M124-7)

On 14 July, M&NP applied to construct four custody transfer stations within the City of Saint John to provide natural gas service from M&NP's mainline via the Saint John Lateral to Enbridge Gas New Brunswick's local distribution system which will serve the City of Saint John. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.9 million.

On 21 September, the Board sent a letter to M&NP requesting additional information.

10. Pouce Coupe Pipe Line Ltd. (Pouce Coupe) - Sale of Oil Pipelines (Files 3400-P123-2 and 3400-F72-1)

On 25 July, Pouce Coupe applied for approval of the following: i) sell the Pouce Coupe pipeline to Pembina Partnership; ii) sell the Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. (Federated) pipeline to Pembina Partnership; iii) sell both these newly acquired pipelines by Pembina Partnership to Pembina Northern LP; iv) replace the name Pouce Coupe in Board Order XO-1-89 with "Pouce Coupe as agent and general partner of Pembina Northern LP"; and v) transfer Certificate OC-42 from Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. to "Pouce Coupe as agent and general partner of Pembina Northern LP". Pouce Coupe is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pembina Corporation.

The Pouce Coupe facilities consists of 26 kilometers (16 miles) of 219 millimeter (eight inch) of oil pipeline extending from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Bay Tree, Alberta. The Federated system consists of 172 kilometers (107 miles) of 273 millimeter (10 inch) of oil pipeline extending from Taylor, British Columbia to Belloy, Alberta.

On 11 August, the Board sent a letter to Pouce Coupe requesting additional information.

11. Ricks Nova Scotia Co. (Ricks) - Ladyfern Pipeline (File 3400-R29-1)

On 19 July, Ricks applied to construct 12 kilometers (7.4 miles) of 273.1 millimeter (10 inch) of sour gas pipeline from the Ladyfern area of northeastern British Columbia to TransCanada Pipelines Limited's Owl Lake South Meter Station in northeastern Alberta. The estimated cost of the pipeline is \$3 million and the proposed in-service date is the first quarter of 2001.

On 6 September, the Board sent a letter to Ricks requesting additional information.

Traffic, Tolls and Tariff Matters

Matters Completed

1. Alliance Pipeline Ltd. (Alliance) - Tariff Filing (File 4775-A159-1)

On 26 September, the Board accepted Alliance's tariff, including general terms and condition, filed on 31 July. The Board sought the comments of interested parties on the tariff filing.

2. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. on behalf of Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership (M&NP) - Interim Tolls (File 4400-M124-3)

On 18 September, the Board approved an application dated 18 August from M&NP for interim tolls for the period 1 October 2000 to 31 December 2001. M&NP stated that it will file an application for final tolls by the end of February 2001.

3. Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) - Transportation Service to Alliance Pipeline Limited Partnership (Alliance) - Boundary Lake Residue Gas Pipeline (File 4775-W005-2-9)

On 29 September, the Board approved an application dated 7 July from Westcoast for an order approving: (i) the Firm and Interruptible Transportation Service Agreements, dated 7 June 2000, entered into between Westcoast and Alliance in respect of the transportation service on the Boundary Lake Pipeline including the negotiated tolls specified therein that Westcoast may charge Alliance for the service; and (ii) the proposed treatment by Westcoast, under Westcoast's Multi-year Incentive Toll Settlement, of the toll revenues from the Alliance service and the costs associated with providing that service (Order TG-7-2000).

Matters Under Consideration

4. Murphy Oil Company Ltd. (Murphy) - Milk River Pipeline - Toll Complaint (File 4775-M23-1-2)

On 25 August, PanCanadian Petroleum Limited, Alberta Energy Company Ltd., Crestar Energy Inc. and EOTT Energy Canada Limited Partnership, collectively known as the Bow River South Group (BRS), filed a complaint concerning the tolls charged by Murphy for transportation of crude oil on the Milk River pipeline. The Milk

River pipeline is a crude oil system approximately 18 kilometers (11 miles) long connecting the Home Oil Manyberries pipeline, the Bow River pipeline and a Murphy truck terminal in Alberta to the CENEX pipeline in Montana.

BRS has filed their complaint after they had been unsuccessful in obtaining a satisfactory explanation for the derivation of the tolls charged on the Milk River pipeline.

On 31 August, the Board decided to initiate a written proceeding to examine the tolls. The Board also decided that the existing tolls will, effective 1 September 2000, continue to be charged on an interim basis, pending a determination by the Board of just and reasonable tolls. On 26 September, the Board, at the request of Murphy, extended the dates for the filing of submissions.

Environmental Matter

1. *NEB Environmental Policy and Environmental Management Program (File 3000-A000-17)*

In September, the Board published a document entitled NEB *Environmental Policy and Environmental Management Program*. The Board has long recognized the critical importance of environmental protection and respect for individual rights of Canadians. As part of its 1999-2002 Strategic Plan, the Board identified four critical goals, one of which focuses specifically on environmental protection and states: "NEB-regulated facilities are built and operated in a manner that protects the environment and respects individuals' rights."

The Policy can be found on the Internet Site at www.neb.gc.ca under *Safety and Environment*.

Appeals

Appeals Pending

1. *Canadian Forest Oil Limited (Canadian Forest) v Chevron Canada Resources and Ranger Oil Limited (Chevron et al.)*

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under the heading *Appeals* of the 31 August 2000 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

2. *The Industrial Cape Breton Community Alliance Group - Sable Gas Project*

For more information on this matter, refer to item 2 under the heading *Appeals* of the 31 May 2000 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

3. *British Columbia Wildlife Federation and the Steelhead Society of British Columbia v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority*

For more information on this matter, refer to item 3 under the heading *Appeals* of the 31 May 2000 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

4. *Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority*

For more information on this matter, refer to item 4 under the heading *Appeals* of the 31 May 2000 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

Amendments to Regulations

1. Processing Plant Regulations (the Regulations) (File 185-A000-13)

The Board is proposing new goal-oriented *Processing Plant Regulations* to complement the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999*. The Regulations, when promulgated, will govern the design, construction, operation, and abandonment of processing plants which are owned and operated by federally regulated companies and whose function is integral with respect to transportation. Such facilities are presently regulated under the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999*.

The draft regulations have been sent to the Department of Justice for examination under the Statutory Instruments Act.

2. National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995 (the Rules) (File 341-A000-2)

The Board is moving towards the implementation of Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF). An analysis of the legal issues surrounding implementation of ERF has been prepared and is available on the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca under *Electronic Regulatory Filing, Other ERF Documents*. Regulations under the *National Energy Board Act* and the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* have been examined. The most extensive changes are to the Rules. Amendments to the Rules will enable parties to file all required regulatory documentation via electronic means. Changes to the other regulations are largely of an administrative nature.

The Board has reviewed the comments received by interested parties and is preparing the necessary documentation in order to submit the Rules to the Department of Justice for consideration. Following the review by the Department of Justice, the Rules will be published in the *Canada Gazette, Part I* and further comments from interested parties will be sought.

3. Canada Oil and Gas Diving Regulations (Diving Regulations) and Guidance Notes (File 2001-1)

The Board is proposing replacing the existing Diving Regulations with goal-oriented Diving Regulations. Instead of specifying various aspects of the diving operations, these new Regulations put the responsibility on the Operators to develop and demonstrate how their dive plan specifications and procedures meet the objectives of the Regulations.

The draft regulations have been sent to the Department of Justice for examination under the *Statutory Instruments Act*.

4. The Canada Oil and Gas Drilling Regulations (COGDR) and the Canada Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Regulations (COGPCR) (File 0406-14)

The above mentioned two regulations have been updated and re-structured into one Regulation entitled the *Canada Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* (the Regulations). The Regulations will establish the requirements for engineering, safety and environmental, and conservation of resources issues pertaining to the design, construction, operation and abandonment of exploration and production facilities under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*.

The draft regulations have been sent to the Department of Justice for examination under the *Statutory Instruments Act*.

5. National Energy Board Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part II - Damage Prevention Regulations (File 185-A000-36)

The Board intends to replace the existing Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part II with regulations targeted at damage prevention (to be known as Damage Prevention Regulations). The new regulations will regulate activities on or adjacent to pipeline rights of way under the Board's jurisdiction in the interest of the safety of the public and of the company's employees and the protection of property and the environment.

The Board expects to have draft regulations available for public comment in 2001.

6. National Energy Board Cost Recovery Regulations (CRR) - (Files 620-A000-8 and 175-A000-72)

The Board is proposing amendments to the CRR. The proposed amendments cover three policy changes to the existing regulations:

- (i) integration of commodity pipelines into the cost recovery scheme;
- (ii) creation of a special charge for green-field pipelines; and
- (iii) creation of a cap on cost recovery charges equal to two per cent of the cost of service of a pipeline company.

The proposed amendments to the CRR were sent to the Department of Justice for examination under the *Statutory Instruments Act*.

7. Regulations and Guidance Notes Pertaining to Canada Labour Code, Part II

The process of amending the *Canada Oil and Gas Occupational Safety and Health Regulations* pertaining to oil and gas activities, under the provisions of the *Canada Labour Code, Part II*, is continuing.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Documents issued in September

Reasons for Decision

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.,
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Appendix I

Section 58 Applications

Gas Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Alliance Pipeline Ltd.	File: 3200-AI59-1-1 Order: XG-A159-65-2000	Application dated 9 August; approved on 1 September. Add a meter run at the BC01 Meter Station.	1 300 000
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.	File: 3200-M124-4 Order: XG-M124-67-2000	Application dated 28 June; approved on 8 September. Construct the Moncton Lateral and a custody transfer station.	5 760 000
	File: 32400-M124-6 Order: XG-M124-69-2000	Application dated 6 July; approved on 15 September. Construct the St. George and a custody transfer station.	1 824 642
	File: 32400-M124-5 Order: XG-M124-70-2000	Application dated 4 July; approved on 28 September. Construct the Fredericton custody transfer station.	1 639 807
Westcoast Energy Inc.	File: 3400-W5-251 Order: XG-W5-68-2000	Application dated 30 August; approved on 11 September. Exemption from Order MO-08-2000 regarding certain specific pipeline components and systems from 100% non-destructive examination.	N/A

Oil Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Enbridge Pipelines Ltd.	File: 3400-E101-26 Order: XO-E101-20-2000	Application dated 16 August; approved on 31 August. Install SCADA hardware.	3 620 000
Enbridge Pipelines (Westspur) Inc.	Files: 3400-E103-4, -5 and -6 Order: XO-E103-21-2000	Three applications dated 25 July; approved on 1 September. Repair defects on three pipelines in Saskatchewan.	122 000
	File: 3400-E103-2 Order: XO-E103-22-2000	Application dated 6 July; approved on 8 September. Five projects.	487 330
Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.	File: 3400-T4-71 Order: XO-T4-66-2000	Application dated 3 August; approved on 5 September. Deactivate a section of pipeline from the Shellburn Refinery to Trans Mountain's Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby, British Columbia.	N/A

Profile

The National Energy Board is a federal regulatory tribunal that was created on 2 November 1959 by an Act of Parliament. Over the course of its history, it has played an important role in the development of Canada's energy sector.

The Board's regulatory powers under the *National Energy Board Act* include the granting of authorizations for the exportation of oil, natural gas and electricity, the certification of interprovincial and international pipelines and designated interprovincial and international power lines, and the setting of tolls and tariffs for oil and gas pipelines under federal jurisdiction.

In addition to its regulatory functions, the Board is responsible for advising the government on the development and use of energy resources.

The Act also requires that the Board keep under review the Canadian supply of all major energy commodities, with emphasis on electricity, oil,

natural gas, and the by-products derived from oil and natural gas, as well as the demand for Canadian energy in Canada and in export markets.

The Board's responsibilities under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* and certain provisions of the *Canada Petroleum Resources Act* encompass the regulation of exploration for and the development and production of oil and gas on Frontier Lands in a manner that promotes safety of the worker, protection of the environment, and conservation of hydrocarbon resources.

The Board also has specific responsibilities under the *Northern Pipeline Act* and the *Energy Administration Act*. In addition, Board inspectors have been appointed safety officers by Human Resources Development Canada to administer Part II of the *Canada Labour Code*.

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