

Regulatory Agenda

The period covered in this *Regulatory Agenda* is the month of March 2001

Public Hearing Applications

Recent Hearing Decision

1. **Murphy Oil Company Ltd. (Murphy) - Pipeline Construction - GH-1-2001 (File 3400-M085-1)**

Reasons for Decision dated March; issued on 22 March.

The Board issued its Reasons for Decision concerning an application by Murphy to construct and operate the Chinchaga Sales Gas Pipeline Loop in Northern British Columbia and Alberta. On 22 February, the Board had announced, from the Bench, its decision to approve the application with the Reasons for Decision to follow at a later date.

Murphy had applied to construct and operate a sales gas pipeline loop comprising approximately 17.2 kilometres (10.3 miles) of 323.8 millimetre (12 inch) pipeline beginning at the existing Pioneer Natural Resources Canada Inc. (PNRC) facilities in the Chinchaga area of British Columbia, 130 kilometres (80 miles) north of Fort St. John, and terminating at the PNRC compressor station, 130 kilometres (80 miles) northwest of Manning, Alberta.

The estimated capital cost of the project is \$4.7 million.

The application was considered at a public hearing held 15, 16, 17 and 19 February in Calgary, Alberta.

Hearing Decision Pending

1. **Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge) - Pipeline Construction, Terrace Expansion Phase II - OH-1-2000 (File 3200-E101-3)**

The Board held a public hearing on 19 and 20 March in Calgary, Alberta, on an application from Enbridge to construct oil pipeline facilities which comprise Phase II of its Terrace Expansion Program.

Enbridge applied to construct approximately 123 kilometres (76 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) pipeline over three separate construction segments located between its Hardisty, Alberta terminal and its Kerrobert, Saskatchewan terminal. The applied-for facilities are the second phase of a multi-phase Terrace Expansion Program agreed upon by industry

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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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and Enbridge. Terrace Phase I was approved by the Board in 1998. The estimated cost of the expansion facilities is \$140 million and the proposed in-service date is the first half of 2002.

Hearing in Progress

1. **Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Purchase a Pipeline - GHW-2-2000 (Files 3200-W005-10 and 3400-W005-258)**

The Board is holding a written public hearing on an application by WEI to purchase a pipeline in the Maxhamish area of northeast British Columbia.

WEI proposes to purchase, from AEC Oil & Gas Co. Ltd. (AEC), approximately 67.6 kilometres (42 miles) of 323.9 millimetre (12 inch) pipeline and associated facilities. AEC built the pipeline during the winter of 1998/1999 to transport dehydrated hydrocarbon liquids. WEI plans to use the facility as a sour raw gas transmission pipeline.

Hearing Scheduled

1. **Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Pine River Gas Plant Sulphur Pipeline - MH-1-2001 (File 3050-W005-1)**

The Board will hold a public hearing on the operation of WEI's Pine River Gas Plant Sulphur Pipeline. The Board decided to hold the public hearing following a number of fires on the sulphur pipeline. The hearing will commence on Monday, 9 April in Chetwynd, British Columbia.

On 16 March, the Board issued an order directing WEI to stop all work on the sulphur pipeline, except work required in an emergency situation, and to cease operating the pipeline pending further order of the Board. The Board decision followed a careful review of information concerning the safety of the sulphur pipeline.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the sulphur pipeline may be safely operated; whether the Board should order WEI to repair, reconstruct or alter part of the sulphur pipeline in order to ensure that it may be safely operated; and, if conditions should be imposed on WEI in order to ensure the safe operation of the sulphur pipeline.

Hearing Applications Filed

1. **Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) - 2001 AND 2002 Tolls (File 4200-M124-1)**

On 23 March, M&NP filed an application for the approval of final tolls for the period 1 October 2000 to 31 December 2001 (Test Period 2001) and the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002 (Test Period 2002).

For Test Period 2001, M&NP is requesting approval of a revenue requirement of \$177.9 million, a rate base of \$883.2 million and a rate of return on rate base of 8.41 per cent. For Test Period 2002, M&NP is requesting approval of a revenue requirement of \$146.7 million, a rate base of \$900.1 million and a rate of return on rate base of 8.25 per cent. Revenue requirement is the cost of providing service, including operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation, amortization, taxes and return on rate base. Rate base is the amount of investment on which a return is authorized to be earned. M&NP has been operating on interim tolls approved by the Board effective 1 October 2000.

2. **Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Pipeline Construction - Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission System Expansion and the Weejay Lateral (File 3200-W005-11)**

On 31 January, WEI applied to construct approximately 108.5 kilometres (67 miles) of 406.4 millimetre (16 inch) pipeline extending the Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission System from a point in northeast British Columbia to a proposed receipt point in Alberta. WEI also proposes to construct approximately 6.3 kilometres (4 miles) of 273 millimetre (10 inch) of pipeline, to be known as the Weejay Lateral, from a well site in British Columbia to a tie-in point on the proposed Grizzly Extension Pipeline.

The proposed facilities will permit WEI to connect additional Grizzly Valley gas reserves in the Ojay/Weejay area of British Columbia and the Narraway area of Alberta. The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$64.5 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 December 2001.

Proposed Hearing Application

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

On 7 March, GSCPL 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 in 2001.

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 4 October, the Minister of the Environment announced that the GSX Project will be sent to an independent environmental assessment review panel.

The proposed pipeline would transport natural gas from Sumas, Washington to Duncan on Vancouver Island. The Canadian portion of the 406.4 millimetre (16 inch) pipeline would originate at a point on the international border in Boundary Pass, Strait of Georgia, and interconnect 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 kilometres (31 miles) in length, with approximately 37 kilometres (23 miles) being offshore and 13 kilometres (eight miles) onshore. The pipeline would have a capacity of 2.832 million cubic metres (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.

Hearings Adjourned and Postponed

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.

2. **Sumas Energy 2, Inc.(SE2) - International Power Line (File 2200-S040-1)**

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under Hearing Applications, Hearing Scheduled in the February 2001 issue of the Regulatory Agenda.

3. **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.

4. **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.

Non Hearing Applications

Electricity Matters

Matters Under Consideration

1. **BP Canada Energy Company (BP) - Electricity Export (File 6200-B058-1-1)**

On 16 March, BP applied for permits to export up to 1 000 megawatts and 5 000 gigawatt hours of combined firm power and energy annually for a period of 10 years.

2. **El Paso Merchant Energy, L.P. (El Paso) - Electricity Export (File 6200-E036-1)**

On 11 December, El Paso applied for permits to export up to 1 000 megawatts of firm and inter-

ruptible power and up to 5 000 gigawatt hours of firm and interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

3. **Independent Electricity Market Operator of Ontario (IMO) - Electricity Export (File 6200-J027-1)**

On 15 December, IMO filed an application to export electricity as a border accommodation to provide emergency assistance to neighbouring jurisdictions in the United States for 25 years.

On 7 February, the Board sent a letter to IMO requesting additional information.

4. PanCanadian Energy Services (PanCanadian) - Electricity Export (File 6200-P080-1)

On 15 March, PanCanadian applied for permits to export up to 5 000 gigawatt hours of firm energy and 5 000 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

5. TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. (TransCanada) - Electricity Export (File 6200-T074-1)

On 13 March, TransCanada applied for permits to export up to 500 megawatts firm power and 500 megawatts of interruptible power per month, and 2 terawatt hours of interruptible energy and 2 terawatt hours of firm energy per year for a period of 10 years.

Natural Gas Matter

Matter Completed

1. ProGas Limited (ProGas) - Contract Amendments - Natural Gas Export Licences GL-101 and GL-109 (File 7200-P038-3-1 and 7200-P038-4-1)

On 30 March, the Board approved an application dated 10 January from ProGas for approval of the pricing provisions in the export sales contracts with Ocean State Power I and Ocean State Power II (OSP) underpinning natural gas export Licences GL-284 and GL-285. Under the licences, ProGas exports natural gas to OSP to supply a combined cycle electrical power plant in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

Pipeline Matters

Matter Completed

1. 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 kilometres in length. See Appendix I for details of the applications approved.

Matters Under Consideration

2. 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.

3. 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 kilometres (16 miles) of 219 millimetre (eight inch) of oil pipeline extending from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Bay Tree, Alberta. The Federated system consists of 172 kilometres (107 miles) of 273 millimetre (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.

4. Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Kwoen Facilities (File 3400-W005-265)

On 15 December, WEI applied for approval to construct upstream facilities in order to debottleneck the Pine River Plant, which is located 30 kilometres (18.6 miles) south of Chetwynd, British Columbia, and gas from the Grizzly Valley Raw Gas Transmission System. The applied-for facilities, which would expand raw gas deliveries to meet the Pine River Plant's initial design residue gas capability, include: (i) a booster compressor unit; (ii) an acid gas stripper facility; (iii) a 10-kilometre (6.2-mile)

acid gas re-injection commodity pipeline; and, (iv) modifications to a re-injection disposal well. The proposed gas stripper facility and the booster compressor unit would be located 29 kilometres southeast of the Pine River Plant. The estimated cost of the project is \$95.5 million.

Traffic, Tolls And Tariff Matters

Matters Completed

1. Enbridge Pipeline Inc. (Enbridge) - Amend the Incentive Toll Settlement (Files 4400-E101-1 and 4775-E101-1-1)

On 15 March, the Board approved an application dated 2 February from Enbridge for approval to amend the 2000-2004 Incentive Toll Settlement by changing the formula used to determine its annual Net Revenue Requirement (Order AO-1-TO-3-2000). The Board sought comments of interested parties on the application.

2. Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (Foothills) on behalf of Foothills Pipe Lines (Alta.) Ltd., Foothills Pipe Lines (South B.C.) and Foothills Pipe Lines (Sask.) Ltd. - Year 2001 Operating and Maintenance Expense Budgets - Year 2000 for Zone 8 - Interruptible Tolls for Zone 9 (Files 4750-F006-2 and 4750-F006-8)

On 30 March, the Board approved the following:

- (i) application dated 1 December for approval of Operating and Maintenance Expense Budgets for the 12-month period ending on 31 December 2001;
- (ii) application dated 26 February for approval of budget overrun in 2000 for Zone 8; and,
- (iii) application dated 1 March for new interruptible tolls to Zone 9 effective 1 April 2001.

The Board has issued Order TG-2-2001.

3. TransCanada Pipelines Limited - 2001 Tolls Task Force Resolutions (4775-T001-1/2001-1)

The Board has approved the following Tolls Task Force Resolutions:

No. of the Resolution	Date of Resolution	Date Approved	Subject of Resolution
02.2001	9 March	30 March	Electronic Billing
03.2001	9 March	30 March	Capacity Allocation Report Suspension

4. Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) - Incentive Toll Settlement (ITS) 2001 - 2005 (Files 4200-T004-8 and 4200-T004-9)

On 22 March, the Board approved an application dated 19 December from TMPL for approval of the ITS and tolls calculated in accordance with it. The Board also approved an application dated 16 February for approval of Final Tariff No. 47 for Petroleum and Final Tariff No. RP16 for Refined and Partially Refined Petroleum and MTBE effective 1 January 2001 (TO-1-2001). On 27 December, the Board had approved interim tolls effective 1 January 2001 (TOI-3-2000). The Board sought the comments of interested parties on the applications.

5. Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) - 2001 Final Tolls (File 4200-W005-13)

On 15 March, the Board approved an application dated 28 February, as amended on 8 April, from Westcoast for final transmission tolls effective 1 January 2001.

Matter Under Consideration

6. 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 kilometres (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.

Appeals and Review

Appeals Pending

1. Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, British Columbia Wildlife Federation and the Steelhead Society of British Columbia (Appellants) v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)

The Appellants filed applications with the Federal Court of Appeal for leave to appeal a decision of the Board dated 6 January 1999 in which it issued an export permit to BC Hydro to allow it to undertake certain export arrangements. The applications were heard by the court on 14 and 15 February.

On 14 March, the Court concluded that the Board's decision is not reasonable and allowed the appeal. The Court directed that the Appellants and BC Hydro, in consultation with the Board, prepare a form of judgment upon which they agree, failing which the Appellants or BC Hydro may apply to the Court to resolve the relief to be granted. Should an agreed upon form of judgement not be submitted or an application for relief not be made within sixty days of the 14 March reasons, judgement shall thereupon issue, quashing the permits and remitting the matter to the Board for redetermination after the Board receives and considers relevant information from BC Hydro as to what changes, if any, to the operation of its facilities will be occasioned by the issuance of the permits sought and the adverse environmental effects, if any that will result from such changes.

2. Canadian Forest Oil Limited v Chevron Canada Resources and Ranger Oil Limited

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

Review Pending

1. Reservoir Safety Committee (RSC) - Review of Electricity Export Permits Issued to British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation (Powerex) and British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) (File 6200-B095-4-1)

On 17 October, RSC applied for a review of electricity export permits EPE-118 and EPE-119 issued to Powerex and permits EPE-124, EPE-125, EPE-126 and EPE-127 issued to BC Hydro. In its application, RSC stated that since 1980, 11 drownings have occurred in BC Hydro's Carpenter Reservoir. This is a consequence of BC Hydro's refusal to provide adequate protection to workers and members of the public traveling through the Bridge River Generating Facility, located within the Carpenter Reservoir. RSC further stated that widespread citizen concern with the operation of the facility, has led to the formation of the RSC. RSC's goal is to effect significant safety related improvements to the facility. RSC requested that the Board rescind permits related to the export of electricity generated through BC Hydro's Bridge River Hydro Electric Facility until such time as the safety of workers and the traveling public can be assured.

On 19 December, the Board sent a letter to RSC advising that it will hold the application in abeyance until RSC has complied with section 44 of the National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995, including notification to potentially interested persons.

Amendments to Regulations and Rules

1. 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.

On 15 February, the Board released the results of a survey conducted last summer on the proposed new regulations. The results of the survey can be found on the Board's Internet site at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

2. 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.

3. 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-one.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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

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Appendix I

Section 58 Applications

Gas Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.	File: 3400-M124-8 Order: XG-M124-11-2001	Application dated 29 September; approved on 23 March. Construct the Point Tupper Pressure Reducing Station facilities.	2 000 000
Westcoast Energy Inc.	File: 3400-W005-268 Order: XG-W5-10-2001	Application dated 25 January; approved on 19 March. Install a double wall storage tank at the d-69-D booster station in the Peggo area.	75 000
	File: 3400-W005-269 Order: XG-W005-12-2001	Application dated 13 February; approved on 22 March. Install rock revetment at the Alberta Mainline crossing of Pouce Coupe River.	100 000

Oil Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	File: 3400-E101-31 Order: XO-E101-05-2001	Application dated 12 December; approved on 14 February. Construct tankage facilities and receipt metering facilities.	18 000 000
Enbridge Pipelines (Westspur) Inc.	File: 3400-E103-9 Order: XO-E103-09-2001	Application dated 17 January; approved on 23 March. Construct an access road in Saskatchewan.	8 000
Montreal Pipe Lines Limited	File: 3400-M003-22 Under Review	Application dated 6 February. Construct two new storage tank systems at the existing North Tank Field oil storage facility in Montréal-Est.	14 000 000

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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