



# Regulatory Agenda

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

## Public Hearing Applications

### Hearing Decision Pending

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

The Board held a public hearing from 24 to 26 October in Toronto, Ontario 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 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 kilometres (12 miles) of 273 millimetre (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 metres 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*.

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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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## 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 23 October, Sumas filed an amended application (replaces the 7 July 1999 application) 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 kilometres (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 right-of-ways 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 Project) (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 4 October, the Minister of the Environment announced that the GSX Project will be sent to an independent environmental assessment 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 Project. 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 Project.

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 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.

# Non Hearing Applications

## Electricity Matters

### Matters Completed

1. *British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation - Name change (File 7425-B095)*

On 16 October, British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation informed the Board that it had formally changed its name to Powerex Corp.

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

On 19 October, the Board approved an application dated 19 May from TEM 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.

### Matter Under Consideration

3. *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.

## 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. *Section 58 Streamlining Order XG/XO-100-2000 (File 3600-A001-15)*

On 18 October, the Board issued Streamlining Order XG/XO-100-2000 which replaces Streamlining Order XG/XO-100-94. The replacement Order incorporates changes made to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Exclusion List*

*Regulations* and experience with the previous Streamlining Orders. The principal change is the addition of projects involving new construction and installations at existing facility sites.

Streamlining Order XG/XO-100-2000 permits projects required for the ongoing operation of Board regulated oil and gas pipelines, that do not warrant the additional regulatory oversight, to proceed without an application pursuant to section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act*. The Board's letter to all parties and the Order XG/XO-100-2000 can be found on the Board's Web Site at [www.neb.gc.ca/pubs/glfilmem.htm#18](http://www.neb.gc.ca/pubs/glfilmem.htm#18) October 2000.

2. *Novagas Canada Pipelines Limited Partnership (Novagas) and AltaGas Transmission Inc. (Altagas) - Sale and Purchase of a Pipeline (File 3400-A072-1 and 3400-N74-3)*

On 12 October, the Board approved a joint application dated 29 August from Novagas and AltaGas for approval of the sale by Novagas to AltaGas of the Kahntah Pipeline (Order MO-18-2000). The Kahntah Pipeline system consists of approximately 56 kilometres (35 miles) of 323.9 millimetre (12 inch) natural gas pipeline extending from Anderson's Kahntah Gas Plant in d-53-D/94-I-02 in British Columbia to a point of connection in 5-6-104-12 W6M in Alberta. The Board also approved an amending order to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity GC-88 to reflect the change in ownership of the Kahntah pipeline.

### 3. 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

4. *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.

5. *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.

6. *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.

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

On 19 July, Ricks applied to construct 12 kilometres (7.4 miles) of 273.1 millimetre (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 Matter**

### **Matter Under Consideration**

1. *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.

## **Frontier Matters**

1. *Paramount Resources Ltd.* was given approval on 6 October for an "Authority to Drill a Well" pursuant to section 83 of the *Canada Oil and Gas Drilling Regulations* (COGDR) for the well Paramount et al Mount Coty I-02.

2. *Imperial Oil Resources Limited* was given approval on 6 October for the "Well Termination Record" for the following wells pursuant to section 184 of the COGDR:

Imp Norman Wells J-36X;  
 Imp Norman Wells K-37X;  
 Imp Norman Wells L36X;  
 Imp Norman Wells I-35X;  
 Imp Norman Wells M-37X;  
 Imp Norman Wells L-34X;  
 Imp Norman Wells K-33X; and  
 Imp Norman Wells M-31X.

3. *Chevron Resources Limited* was given approval on 17 October for a "Production Operations Authorization" pursuant to section 9 of the *Canada Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Regulations* for the Chevron et al M-25 production facilities and pipelines.
4. *Paramount Resources Ltd.* was given approval on 13 October for the "Well Termination Record" for the following wells pursuant to section 184 of the COGDR:

Paramount Berkley Arrowhead O-15;  
 Paramount Berkley Arrowhead C-02; and  
 Paramount et al Fort Liard A-01.

5. *Chevron Resources Limited* was given approval on 19 October for the "Well Termination Record" for the well Chevron et al Liard M-25, pursuant to section 184 of the COGDR.
6. *Geological, Geophysical or Geotechnical Operations*: two applications for geological, geophysical or geotechnical operations were approved pursuant to section 5 of the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* as follows:

Company	Area	Operation ID	Date
Phillips/TGS	Davis Strait	9724-P55-1E	15 September
Anadarko	Wrigley	9237-A69-1E	19 September

## Appeals

### Appeal Completed

1. *The Industrial Cape Breton Community Alliance Group (the Alliance) - Sable Gas Project*

On 17 October, the Federal Court, Trial Division dismissed the judicial review application filed by the Alliance regarding the Sable Gas Project. The Court's decision can be found on the Federal Court of Appeal's Internet Site at [www.fja.gc.ca/en/cf/2000/orig/html/2000fca27560.o.en.html](http://www.fja.gc.ca/en/cf/2000/orig/html/2000fca27560.o.en.html)

On 25 November 1997, the Alliance filed an Originating Notice of Motion with the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division for the purpose of having the Joint Public Review Panel Report dated 27 October 1997, and the Report of the Commissioner for the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board dated 27 October 1997, reviewed, set aside and referred back to the Joint Panel and the Commissioner and that they direct Sable Offshore Energy Project to file a socio-economic impact study incorporating an economic cost-benefit analysis and the environmental effects of the project on Cape Breton. On the same date, the Alliance filed a similar Originating Notice of Motion with the

Federal Court of Appeal. Proceedings have been consolidated in the Federal Court, Trial Division. This judicial review application was heard in May 1999 in Halifax.

### Appeals Pending

2. *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*.

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](http://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 greenfield 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.

## **Other Matters**

### **1. Analysis of Horizontal Gas Well Performance in British Columbia**

On 23 October, the Board, the Oil and Gas Commission of British Columbia and the British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines released a joint report entitled *Analysis of Horizontal Gas Well Performance in British Columbia*. The report provides an overview of the use of horizontal well technology for gas production in northeast British Columbia from 1988 to 1998. The report outlines the current state of horizontal technology development, the current status of technology application, and the probable impacts of the technology.

### **2. Northeast British Columbia Natural Gas Resource Assessment**

On 30 October, the Board issued a report entitled *Northeast British Columbia, Natural Gas Resource Assessment 1992-1997* which provides a five year update to the Board's 1994 report on the same subject. The 1994 report relied on year-end 1992 data. This report relies on data from 1993 to 1997.

The report provides a review of the impact of industry activity upon gas supply in Northeast British Columbia. The main objective of the

report was to assess the effectiveness of drilling activity in developing new sources of gas supply within the region.

### **3. Oil Sands Supply and Market Outlook to the Year 2015**

On 31 October, the Board issued a report entitled *Energy Market Assessment, Canada's Oil Sands: A Supply and Market Outlook to 2015*. The report provides an assessment of the supply and demand for upgraded crude oil and blended bitumen derived from Canada's oil sands, with projections to the year 2015. The report also includes sections on the early history of oil sands development, a review of oil sands resources and technology, supply costs, oil pipelines, and environmental impacts.

### **4. Canadian Natural Gas Market Dynamics and Pricing**

On 1 November, the Board issued a report entitled *Energy Market Assessment, Canadian Natural Gas Market Dynamics and Pricing*. The report identifies the factors that affect natural gas prices and describes the current functioning of the regional gas markets in Canada.

# Administrative Matters

## Speech

*Towards Goal-Oriented Regulation*, a presentation by Kenneth W. Vollman, Chairman, to the International Pipeline Conference on Wednesday, 4 October 2000 in Calgary, Alberta.

## Documents Issued in October

### Reports

Analysis of Horizontal Gas Well Performance in British Columbia - October 2000.

Northeast British Columbia Natural Gas Resource Assessment - October 2000.

Energy Market Assessment, Oil Sands Supply and Market Outlook to the Year 2015 - October 2000.

Energy Market Assessment, Canadian Natural Gas Market Dynamics and Pricing - November 2000.

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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 Under Review	Application dated 29 September. Construct the Point Tupper Pressure Reducing Station facilities.	2 000 000
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	File: 3400-T1-187 Order: XG-T1-72-2000	Application dated 11 October; approved on 16 October. Replace two battery banks at Station 1206.	20 000
TransQuébec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc.	File: 3400-T028-33 Order: XG-T28-75-2000	Application dated 13 October; approved on 26 October. Approval to operate an ultrasonic meter installation, purchased from TransCanada PipeLines Limited, at Station 148.	317 716
Westcoast Energy Inc.	File: 3400-W005-257 Under Review	Application dated 24 August. Modifications to the Laprise, Martin Wargen and Aitken Creek Extension pipelines. On 19 October, the Board requested additional information from Westcoast.	487 000
	File: 3400-W5-259 Order: XG-W5-73-2000	Application dated 21 September; approved on 24 October. Upgrades a 13 valve sites.	250 000

### Oil Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	File: 3400-E101-28 Order: XO-E101-24-2000	Application dated 27 September; approved on 16 October. Install two in-line Viscometers on Line 13.	490 000
	File: 3400-E101-27 Order: XO-E101-25-2000	Application dated 27 September; approved on 17 October. Install a drainage ditch culvert and a culvert valve at the Edmonton Terminal.	27 900
Enbridge Pipelines (Westspur) Inc.	File: 3400-E103-8 Order: XO-E103-28-2000	Application dated 3 October; approved on 30 October. Upgrade the SCADA hardware at the Estevan Control Centre.	92 000
Montreal Pipe Line Limited	File: 3400-M3-21 Order: XO-M03-15-2000	Application dated 11 September; approved on 6 October. Construct a fire water connection and valves at the North Tank Field.	75 000
Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.	File: 3400-T002-45 Order: XG-T002-23-2000	Application dated 13 September; approved on 5 October. Replace a sump tank at the Dorval Meter Station.	50 000

## 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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