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Damage Prevention Regulations

Survey Results

On 15 February, the Board released the results of a survey conducted last fall on proposed new regulations, to be called the Damage Prevention Regulations, that are targeted at preventing damage to pipelines under the Board's jurisdiction.

Approximately 350 surveys were sent to interested companies, groups and individuals to obtain feedback on what should or could be included in the new regulations. In the surveys returned, more than 80 per cent of respondents indicated strong support for a number of damage prevention activities including: one-call centres for NEB regulated pipelines; accuracy requirements for location of pipelines; standardized crossing designs; recommended development set backs based on land use; development of minimum qualifications for pipeline locators and the development of standards for awareness programs.

The Board intends to use the information gathered through the survey to develop draft Damage Prevention Regulations that will be circulated to interested companies, groups and individuals later this year. This is particularly important given the broad range of Canadians who will be affected by this proposed regulation. Distribution of the draft regulations will be followed by meetings across the country to obtain comments and gather feedback.

The new Damage Prevention Regulations will replace the existing Pipeline Crossing Regulations. The new regulations will govern activities on or adjacent to pipeline rights of way in the interest of the public safety and company employees as well as the protection of the environment and personal property.

The results of the survey can be found on the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca.

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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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Gas Development in the Northwest Territories

Preliminary Information Package

The chairs of the boards and agencies with responsibility for assessing and regulating energy developments in the Northwest Territories issued a document entitled *Guidance on Provision of a Preliminary Information Package for Gas Development in the NWT.* The information provided in response to this package will assist the boards and agencies in a timely evaluation of potential approaches for a coordinated review process.

The parties involved include:

- the National Energy Board,
- the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,
- the Environmental Impact Screening Committee and Review Board for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region,
- the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency,
- the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,

- the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board,
- the NWT Water Board,
- the Inuvialuit Land Administration,
- the Inuvialuit Game Council,
- the Sahtu Land and Water Board,
- the Gwich'in Land and Water Board, and
- the Government of the Northwest Territories.

In late November 2000, the parties met for the first time to explore their willingness to cooperate and coordinate the review process for northern gas development. A number of cooperative approaches have been identified under existing legislation. The approaches developed to date have application to both a Mackenzie Valley and a Beaufort offshore route from Alaska.

The document entitled *Guidance on Provision of a Preliminary Information Package for Gas Development in the NWT* can be found on the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca.

Public Hearing Applications

Recent Hearing Decision

1. Murphy Canada Exploration Ltd. (Murphy) - Pipeline Construction - GH-1-2001 (Files 3400-B032-3 and 3400-M085-1)

Decision read from the Bench on 22 February; Reasons for Decision to be issued at a later date.

The Board approved an application by Murphy to construct and operate the Chinchaga Sales Gas Loop in Northern British Columbia and Alberta (Order XG-M085-08-2001).

Murphy will construct a sales gas pipeline loop comprising approximately 17.2 kilometres (10.3 miles) of 323.8 millimetres (12 inches) 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 cost of the project is \$4.7 million and the proposed in-service date is 15 March 2001.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held from 15 to 22 February in Calgary, Alberta.

Hearing in Progress

1. Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) -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 Westcoast to purchase a pipeline in the Maxhamish area of northeast British Columbia.

Westcoast 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. Westcoast plans to use the facility as a sour raw gas transmission pipeline.

Hearings Scheduled

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

On 19 February, the Board adjourned, until further notice, the hearing that began on that day as well as the hearing scheduled to begin on 23 April regarding an application by SE2 to construct an international power line in British Columbia.

At the opening of the hearing on 19 February in Abbotsford, British Columbia, the Board stated it had become aware on Friday 16 February that the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) would be recommending to Washington State Governor Locke that he deny the SE2 application to build a gas-fired electric energy facility in Sumas, Washington. The Board also noted it had received, late the same day, motions from Mr. Randy White, MP and Counsel for the City of Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley Regional District requesting an adjournment of the 19 February hearing. As well, the Board was advised by telephone that SE2, the Sierra Legal Defence Fund and the Province of British Columbia also supported the motions for adjournment.

In its deliberations on 19 February, the Board considered the motions for adjournment. It decided to grant the motions and ordered that the EH-1-2000 hearing schedule and the hearing scheduled to begin 23 April be suspended until further order by the Board.

SE2 applied to construct a 230 kilovolt power line originating in the United States and crossing the international boundary near Abbotsford. The proposed power line would extend approximately 8.5 kilometres (5.3 miles) from the border northward on the existing rights-of-way of Canadian Pacific Railway, the City of Abbotsford and BC Hydro to BC Hydro's Clayburn substation in Abbotsford.

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

The Board will hold a public hearing commencing on 19 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 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.

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. 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.

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

2. 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.

Natural Gas Matters

Matter Completed

1. Enron Canada Corp. (Enron) - Revocation of Natural Gas Export Licence GL-268 (Files 7200-E069-3-2 and 7200-E021-3-2)

On 30 January, the Board approved an application dated 21 December 2000 from Enron to revoke natural gas export Licence GL-268. Under the Licence Enron exported natural gas to supply its market in the U.S. Northeast.

Matter Under Consideration

2. 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

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 whollyowned 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) - Pipeline Construction - Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission System Expansion and the Weejay Lateral (File 3200-W005-11)

On 31 January, WEI applied for approval to construct the following facilities:

- approximately 108.5 kilometres (67 miles) of 406.4 millimetre (16 inch) pipeline extending the Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission System from a-74-G/93-1-15 in British Columbia to a proposed receipt point at LSD 5-3-63-11-W6M in Alberta (Grizzly Extension Pipeline); and,
- approximately 6.3 kilometres (4 miles) of 273 millimetre (10 inch) pipeline, to be known as the Weejay Lateral, from a well site at d-57-G/93-1-9 in British Columbia to a tie-in point on the proposed Grizzly Extension Pipeline at c-53-F/93-1-9 in British Columbia.

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.

On 20 February, the Board sent a letter to WEI requesting additional information.

5. 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

Matter Completed

1. TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TCPL) - 2001 Tolls Task Force (TTF) - Resolution 01.2001 (File 4775-T001-1/2001-1)

On 14 February, the Board approved an application dated 9 February from TCPL for the TTF Resolution 01.2001 - Extension of the Foreign Exchange and Interest Rate Management Programs.

Matters Under Consideration

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

On 2 February, Enbridge applied for approval to amend the 2000-2004 Incentive Toll Settlement by changing the formula used to determine its annual Net Revenue Requirement.

On 22 February, the Board decided to seek comments of interested parties on the application.

Parties have until 2 March to comment and Enbridge has until 9 March to respond to comments received.

3. 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 (File 4750-F6-2)

On 1 December, Foothills applied, on behalf of the above noted subsidiaries, for approval of Operating and Maintenance Expense Budgets for the 12-month period ending on 31 December 2001.

On 21 December, the Board advised Foothills that, before making a final decision on the applied-for budgets, it wished to consider Foothills' actual 2000 costs and the analysis of the 2000 operating and maintenance expense variances due to be filed with the Board by the end of February 2001. Therefore, the Board decided to issue an interim order approving interim budgets for the year ending 31 December 2001 equal to 50 per cent of the budgets submitted (Order TGI-7-2000).

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 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.

5. Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) - Incentive Toll Settlement (ITS) 2001 - 2005 (File 4200-T004-8)

On 27 December, the Board approved an application dated 12 December from TMPL for approval of interim tolls, effective 1 January (TOI-3-2000). The interim tolls were calculated in accordance with the principles agreed to and included in a Memorandum of Understanding dated 6 November between TMPL, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and Chevron Canada Limited (Chevron) with respect to a second five-year ITS for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005.

On 19 December, TMPL applied for approval of the ITS and tolls calculated in accordance with it. On 25 January, the Board decided to seek comments from interested parties on the ITS. Interested parties have until 8 February to file comments and TMPL has until 15 February to reply to any comments received.

Appeals and Review

Appeals Pending

1. Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)

The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation filed an application 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 Appeal, together with No. 2 below, will be heard on 14 February.

2. British Columbia Wildlife Federation and the Steelhead Society of British Columbia (BC Wildlife et al.) v. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro)

The BC Wildlife et al. filed an application 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 Appeal, together with No. 1 above, will be heard on 14 February.

3. 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*.

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 drowning 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 H ydro'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 Cost Recovery Regulations (CRR) - (Files 620-A000-8 and 175-A000-72)

The Board has amended the CRR. The amendments cover three policy changes to the existing regulations:

- 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.

On 21 February, the Board enacted the amendments to the Regulations. The amendments will be published in Part II of the *Canada Gazette* in March.

2. 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 Board intends to use the information gathered through the survey to develop draft Damage Prevention Regulations that will be circulated to interested companies, groups and individuals later this year. Distribution of the draft regulations will be followed by meetings across the country to obtain comments and gather feedback.

The results of the survey can be found on the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca.

3. 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*.

4. 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.

5. 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.*

6. 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.*

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

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Appendix I

Section 58 Applications

Gas Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Gazoduc Trans Québec & Maritimes Inc.	File: 3400-T028-34 Order: XG-T28-4-2001	Application dated 12 January; approved on 1 February. Install and operate a portable compressor.	1 200 000
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.	File: 3400-M124-8 Under Review	Application dated 29 September. Construct the Point Tupper Pressure Reducing Station facilities. On 21 December, 26 January and 15 February, the Board sent letters to M&NP requesting additional information.	2 000 000
Murphy Oil Company Ltd.	File: 3400-M085-1 Order: XG-M85-8-2001	Application dated 30 October; approved on 22 February. Construct the Chinchaga Sales Gas Pipeline Loop.	4 700 000
Shiha Energy Transmission Ltd.	File: 3400-S056-3 Order: XG-S56-9-2001	Application dated 8 February; approved on 23 February. Construct a vertically perpendicular tap.	20 000
Westcoast Energy Inc.	File: 3400-W005-257 Order: XG-W5-5-20001	Application dated 13 October; approved on 5 February. Expand a cold storage building.	49 000
	File: 3400-W005-257 Order: XG-W5-6-2001	Application dated 24 August; approved on 15 February. Pipeline modifications required for the deactivation of the Aitken Creek Gas Processing Plant.	478 000
	File: 3400-W005-266 Order: XG-W5-07-2001	Application dated 10 January; approved on 20 February. Four projects in the Fort Nelson Field Services Area.	305 000

Oil Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Enbridge Pipelines (NW) Inc.	Files: 3400-E102-5 Order: XO-E102-4-2001	Applications dated 5 January; approved on 7 February. Instal pipeline slope indicators at KP 313 and cathodic protection upgrades.	117 500
Enbridge Pipelines (Westpur) Inc.	File: 3400-E103-10 Order: XO-E103-06-2001	Application dated 23 January; approved on 15 February. Four projects.	79 000
Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	File: 3400-E101-34 Order: XO-E101-7-2001	Application dated 31 January; approved on 21 February. Replace two displacement meters and associated equipment in the Suncor Meter Manifold.	553 000
Trans Mountain Pipeline Company Ltd.	File: 3400-T004-72 Order: XO-T4-3-2001	Application dated 23 August; approved on 7 February. Six projects.	2 438 000
	File: 3400-T004-75 Order: XO-T4-08-2001	Application dated 15 January; approved on 26 February. Instal a pre-fabricated building at the Edmonton Terminal.	143 995

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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