# **Regulatory** Agenda

The period covered in this Regulatory Agenda is the month of July 2006

### **Public Hearing Applications**

#### **Hearings in Progress**

1. Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (Imperial), Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Limited Partnership, ConocoPhillips (North) Limited, Shell Canada Limited and ExxonMobil Canada Properties — Mackenzie Gas Project (Files 3200-J205-1, 2520-C-19-4, 2620-C-19-7, 2620-C-12-7 and 2620-C-20-7)

On 10 July 2006, the Board issued Ruling #16 within the Mackenzie Gas Project hearing, GH-1-2004 on Mackenzie Explorer Group (MEG) Notice of Motion no. 10.

The Board held hearing sessions in Yellowknife, N.W.T. 24 July through 1 August. Topics included General; Engineering (pipeline design and materials); Engineering (Facilities); Tolls and Tariffs; Cost of Capital and Depreciation; and Economic Feasibility. Several oral statements were heard on three separate dates. The Board also sat on Saturday 29 July during the session.

On 25 January 2006, the Board began public hearings on the Mackenzie Gas Project which

includes the construction of a pipeline to transport natural gas to northern Alberta, a pipeline to transport natural gas liquids to Norman Wells, N.W.T., three onshore natural gas fields, a gathering system to transport production from the three fields, and a processing facility in the Inuvik, N.W.T. area where natural gas liquids would be separated from the natural gas for shipping. The Board anticipates that the evidentiary portion of the hearing will be completed in December 2006.

#### **Hearing Decision Pending**

1. Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation (Sea Breeze) – Construct an International Power Line (IPL) from Victoria, British Columbia to Port Angeles, Washington – EH-1-2006 (File AFIPL-SBC-01)

The public hearing in Victoria, British Columbia concluded in late June.

The hearing is for an application by Sea Breeze to construct a 150 kilovolt high voltage direct current IPL. The proposed 48 kilometre IPL would extend

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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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southward from the Town of View Royal, British Columbia to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and from there to Port Angeles, Washington. Approximately 12 kilometres of the Canadian portion of the proposed IPL will be on land and the remainder in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Construction of the proposed IPL and a converter station near existing substations on Vancouver Island is tentatively scheduled for November 2006.

#### **Hearings Scheduled**

1. Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc. (Terasen) – TMX Anchor Loop – OH-1-2006 (File 3200-T099-1)

The Board will hold a public hearing to review an Application by Terasen to construct and operate the TMX Anchor Loop Project starting on 8 August 2006, at the NEB offices in Calgary.

The TMX Anchor Loop Project would consist of 158 kilometres of pipeline loop and other facilities to increase the capacity of the Trans Mountain pipeline by approximately 6 360 cubic metres (40 000 barrels) per day. The anticipated cost of the project is \$400 million.

This Hearing Order was released on 19 April 2006.

2. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada)

– Application to change the tariff on the
Mainline natural gas pipeline – RH-1-2006 (File
OF-Tolls-Group1-T211-2006-06 01)
(4775-T001-1-31)

The Board will hold a hearing, scheduled to start Monday 18 September 2006 in Toronto at a location to be determined.

This Hearing Order was released on 29 June 2006.

On 20 July 2006, the Board commenced Information Requests to TransCanada.

TransCanada's is applying to change the tariff on its 14 898 km Mainline natural gas pipeline. The proposed tariff changes would allow TransCanada to implement two new short notice services intended to meet the needs of gas-fired electrical power generators: Firm Transportation – Short Notice (FT-SN) and Short Notice Balancing (SNB).

3. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) and TransCanada Keystone GP Ltd. (Keystone) – Transfer of certain pipeline facilities from TransCanada to Keystone – MH-1-2006 (File OF-Fac-G-T241-2006-01) (3400-T241-1) The Board will hold a hearing, scheduled to start on Monday 23 October 2006 at the NEB offices in Calgary.

This Hearing Order was released on 21 June 2006 and requested that Parties seeking intervenor status inform the Board by 11 July.

On 17 July, the Board amended the List of Issues for the Hearing.

On 31 July, the Board issued a revised List of Parties for this hearing after releasing an initial list on 20 July.

TransCanada is applying to transfer certain public facilities to Keystone and also seeking approval to reduce the Canadian mainlines base rate by the net book value of the transferred facilities. The facilities consist of approximately 860 kilometres of 864 mm pipeline between Burstall, Saskatchewan and Carman, Manitoba. The transferred facilities would be used for crude oil transmission, subject to an additional application by Keystone to operate oil facilities and build connecting facilities.

4. Emera Brunswick Pipeline Company Ltd. (EBPC)
– Brunswick Pipeline Project – GH-1-2006
(File PA-MNP 2006-001)

The Board will hold a public hearing starting 6 November 2006 at the Hilton Saint John Trade and Convention Centre, in Saint John, New Brunswick.

This Hearing Order was released on 9 June 2006.

EBPC is proposing a 145 kilometre 762 millimetre diameter pipeline from the Canaport<sup>TM</sup> Liquefied Natural Gas Facility at Mispec Point in Saint John, New Brunswick to a point on the international border near St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

#### **Preliminary Information Packages**

1. TransCanada Keystone Pipeline GP Ltd. (Keystone) – Preliminary Information Package (File OF-Fac-Oil-T241-2006-01 01)

On 10 July 2006, the Board received a Preliminary Information Package (PIP) filed by Keystone. The intent of the PIP is to trigger the environmental assessment process pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act). In a letter dated 25 July 2006, the Board asked other government departments and agencies to indicate whether they are likely to require an environmental assessment under section 5 of the CEA Act,

requesting responses by 18 August or sooner.

Keystone has indicated it intends to file a section 52 application with the NEB late in 2006.

The project is a proposed crude oil pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to markets in Illinois, USA and anticipates constructing 373 km of new oil pipeline. The U.S. portion is over 1700 km of new oil pipeline through six states.

2. Gateway Pipeline Inc. (Gateway) – Preliminary Information Package (File ATT-TTC-ENB 02)

Gateway filed a Preliminary Information Package (PIP) with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the NEB and other federal departments in November 2005. The NEB conducted information sessions in Northern B.C. in late November and early December.

On 9 February 2006, the Board, in consultation with other federal responsible authorities, submitted a recommendation to the Minister of the

Environment that the proposed Gateway Project be referred to a review panel in accordance with the *Canada Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act).

The proposed Gateway Project would consist of two pipelines, one for petroleum export and one for condensate import, along the same right-of-way, and a marine terminal. The proposed Petroleum Export Pipeline would be a 762 millimetre diameter pipeline with an initial capacity of approximately 400 000 barrels per day to transport petroleum from Edmonton, Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia. The proposed Condensate Import Pipeline would be a 508 millimetre diameter pipeline capable of transporting approximately 150,000 barrels per day from Kitimat to Edmonton. The proposed in-service date is the year 2010 and the estimated cost is \$4 billion.

### **Non-public Hearing Applications**

#### **Electricity Matters**

#### **New Applications**

1. British Columbia Hydro & Power Authority – (BC Hydro) Application for an electricity export permit (File OF-El-Elec-B215 01)

On 27 July 2006, BC Hydro applied for a permit to continue exporting firm power and energy as a border accommodation to Tongass Power and Light Company (Tongass), a company that distributes power to customers in Hyder, Alaska. BC Hydro is applying for a 10 year export permit.

2. Lehman Brothers Commodity Services Inc. (LBCS) – Application for an electricity export permit (File OF-El-Elec-L057 01)

On 28 July 2006, LBCS applied for a permit to export firm and interruptible power and energy at points on the international boundary between Canada and the USA for a term of 10 years.

#### **Matters under Consideration**

 Montana Alberta Tie Ltd. (MATL) – Construct an International Power Line (IPL) from Lethbridge, Alberta to Great Falls, Montana (File AFIPL-MAT-01) On 21 December 2005, MATL applied for approval to construct an IPL from Lethbridge, Alberta to Great Falls, Montana. MATL also proposes to construct a new 230 kilovolt substation and a phase shifting transformer to control the direction of the flow of power near Lethbridge. The proposed IPL would be capable of transferring up to 300 megawatts of power in either direction. The Board is continuing the information request process with MATL. On 14 June 2006, MATL submitted revisions to its preferred route and project design changes. The estimated length of the transmission line is now 347 km. On 4 July, the Board indicated that it is of the opinion that MATL must substantially update its original application and submit information pertaining to the revisions.

2. Maritime Electric Company, Limited (MEC) – Electricity Export (File AE-P-MEC 01)

On 17 January 2006, MEC applied for permits to export up to 150 megawatts of power and up to 350 gigawatt hours of energy on a firm and interruptible basis per year for a period of 10 years.

### 3. Yudinn Energy Inc. (Yudinn) – Electricity Export (File A-P-YEI 01)

On 28 March 2006, Yudinn applied for permits to export up to 204 megawatts of firm power and 894 gigawatt hours of energy per year for a period of 25 years. On 1 June 2006, the Board decided to request information from Yudinn and requested a reply by 16 June, which was received. On 26 July, Yudinn filed an Environmental Impact Assessment at the Board.

### 4. Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) – (File OF-El-Elec-I151 01)

On 30 March 2006, IESO applied for renewal of its permit for the sale transfer of emergency power and energy at points on the international boundary between Canada and the United States for a period of 10 years. The quantity of energy to be exported would not exceed 5,184 gigawatt hours in any consecutive twelve-month period.

### 5. Cinergy Marketing & Trading LP (Cinergy) – Electricity Export (File OF-IE-Elec-C909 01)

On 12 June 2006, Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP (Cinergy) applied to export electricity from Ontario to the United States. Cinergy intends to purchase power in Canada for export to the United States. Cinergy seeks a permit with an initial duration of 10 years.

### 6. Susquehanna Energy Products, LLC (SEP) – Electricity Export (File OF-IE-Elec-S375 01)

On 16 June 2006, Susquehanna Energy Products, LLC (SEP) applied to export firm and interruptible power and energy at points on the international boundary between Canada and the United States over any international power line for which the NEB has issued or will issue permission for a term of 10 years.

On 12 July, the Board requested additional information from the applicant, which replied on 19 July. Due to differences in the quantities of firm power and energy listed in its initial application and in its reply to the Information Request, the Board decided on 27 July that Susquehanna should replublish its Notice of Application in the *Canada Gazette* in both official languages.

## 7. New Brunswick Power Generation Corporation (Genco) – Electricity Export (File OF-EI-Elec-N103 01)

On 22 June 2006, NB Power Generation applied for permits to export up to 1124 megawatts of

excess electrical capacity, and up to 9846 gigawatt hours of excess electrical energy on a firm or interruptible basis, with a requested duration period of 10 years.

On 31 July, the Board exempted the applicant from the information requirements set out in paragraphs 9(i) and (j) of the Electricity Regulations, since the Board is in possession of information about the existing IPLs relating to this application.

#### **Frontier Matters**

No new drilling applications were received in July under section 5.1(b) of the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act (COGOA.)

All other applications are still being reviewed.

One (1) new application for geological, geophysical or geotechnical operation authorization was received in July.

Three (3) applications were approved pursuant to section 5.1(b) of the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* (COGOA.)

Company	Area	Operational ID	Date
Devon Canada Corporation	Central Mackenzie Sahtu Geological Field Trip 2006	9237-D072-001E	7 July 2006
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Summit Redstone 2D Seismic 2006	9225-H109-001E	5 July 2006
Devon Canada Corporation	Richardson Mountain Geological Field Trip 2006	9337-D072-002E	20 July 2006

Outstanding applications are being reviewed.

#### **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.

#### **New Application**

1. Enbridge Pipelines (Westspur) Inc. – Application for construction of Midale Terminal Capacity Expansion Project (File OF-Fac-Oil-E103-2006-02 01)

On 21 July, Enbridge filed a Section 58 facilities application to construct the Midale Project, and requested exemption from the provisions of Sections 29 to 33 and from Section 47 of the NEB Act. Enbridge anticipates that forecasted increases in crude oil production in southeast Saskatchewan will bring current volumes beyond pipeline capacity in Fall 2006. The Project involves upgrades to existing pumping facilities at the Midale Terminal and a new booster facility, the Bryant Booster Station, for which Enbridge has obtained land. The projected cost is \$3,398,400 and proposed in-service date is as early as October 2006 after 8 to 10 weeks of construction work after approval.

#### **Matters Pending**

1. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge) – Application for the Southern Access Upstream Expansion, Stages 1A and 1B (File OF-Fac-O-E101-2006-02 01 [3400-E101-75])

On 1 June 2006, the Board received this application from Enbridge. Information Requests and answers pertaining to Stage 1A continued in July.

For Stage 1B, on 27 July, Enbridge filed its Section 21 application requesting an amendment to Board Order OLPO-1-4-68, to increase the maximum operating pressure on a segment of one of its Lines.

2. Burlington Resources Canada (Hunter) Ltd. (Burlington) – Pipeline Construction (File A-FP-PA-BRH 2006 1)

On 15 March 2006, Burlington applied to construct an interprovincial 9,900 metre, 273 millimetre diameter natural gas pipeline in the Hiding Creek Gas field located approximately 65 kilometres east of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia and approximately 40 kilometres southwest of Beaverlodge, Alberta. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.6 million.

3. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL)
– 2007 Eastern Mainline Expansion
(File A-FP-PA-TCP 2006 1)

On 20 March 2006, TCPL applied for approval to construct 6.5 kilometres of 323.9 millimetre

pipeline loop from Mainline Valve 805 to Mainline Line Valve 805 + 6.5 (the "Saint-Sébastien Loop"). TCPL also applied for compressor additions at Station 134 near Bowmanville, Ontario and at Station 1703 near Douglastown, Ontario. The estimated cost of the facilities is \$62.2 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 2007.

4. Husky Oil Operations Limited – Application to construct Esther Court (Natural Gas) Pipeline (File OF-Fac-Gas-H109-2006-01)

On 13 June, Husky submitted a Section 58 natural gas pipeline facilities construction application. The Esther Court Pipeline would be comprised of a 4.4 km natural gas pipeline with an outside diameter of 168.3 mm, as well as pipeline risers, pig facilities, valves and related tie-in piping that will connect the pipeline to existing systems in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The purpose of the project is to transport increased natural gas production generated from wells in Husky's East Central Alberta area to the AltaGas Loverna Gas Plant in Saskatchewan. The small project is estimated to cost \$540,000.

The Board initiated an environmental assessment for the Project and on 5 July sent notice to other government departments and agencies, requesting responses by 25 July.

#### Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs Matters

#### **Matter Completed**

1. Response to National Energy Board 11 April 2006 Directions Terasen Westridge Dock Capacity Allocation Procedure [File OF-Tolls-Group1-T099-2006-01 01 (4775-T099-1-5)]

On 20 July 2006, the Board directed Kinder Morgan to set up a deferral account for any Premiums to be refunded to toll payers in the following calendar year. Kinder Morgan was directed to publish the aggregate bid Premium information on a quarterly basis, 45 days from the last calendar day in the quarter being reported. The Board approved the extension of the bid Premium process until the PSE start-up and expects Kinder Morgan to file its intentions for any changes to the bid Premium process at least 60 days prior to the PSE start-up.

Kinder Morgan had filed a letter in response to the Board's 11 April 2006 Reason for Decision which had approved Kinder Morgan Canada Inc.'s request for the inclusion of a Westridge Dock Premium (Premium) in the Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) tariff as a means to allocating capacity at the Westridge Dock. The Kinder Morgan letter of 19 June 2006 made recommendations on three issues.

On 22 June, the Board solicited comments on those three issues and whether further process was required to consider them. Three parties commented and the Board allowed reply comments from Kinder Morgan, which were dated 5 July 2006.

#### **Matter Pending**

 Westcoast Energy Inc. carrying on business as Duke Energy Gas Transmission (Westcoast)

 Amended Application for Approval of a Settlement for 2006 and 2007 Tolls [File ATT-AFT-WEI 19 (4200-W005-19)]

 On 21 June 2006 the Board received Westcoast's amended application filed pursuant to Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act*, for approval of a negotiated settlement of final tolls for mainline transmission services on Zones 3 and 4 for 2006 and for approval of a methodology for setting 2007 tolls.

On 11 July, the Board decided to solicit comments from interested parties by 26 July 2006.

The Board received comments from Talisman Energy Inc. and the Natural Gas Steering Committee in support of the application.

### **Appeal**

#### **Appeal Pending**

1. Flint Hill Resources – Application for Leave to Appeal – RH-1-2005

Flint Hill Resources applied to the Federal Court of Appeal for leave to appeal the Board's decision of 28 April 2005 in which it approved two applications from Enbridge Pipelines Inc. to recover, in its Canadian pipeline tolls,

US\$20 million per year for five years related to the extension of service on the Spearhead Pipeline which runs from Chicago, Illinois to Cushing, Oklahoma and an initiative by Mobil Pipe Line Company to reverse the flow of its pipeline which runs from Patoka, Illinois to Corsicana, Texas.

### **Amendments to Regulations**

### Regulatory Initiatives Pursuant to the *National Energy Board Act*

1. Proposed Amendments to the Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999 (OPR-99) and the National Energy Board Processing Plant Regulations (PPR)

The Board intends to amend the above regulations to require companies under its jurisdiction to develop and implement a pipeline security management program. A *Notice of Proposed Regulatory Change* was published by the Board on 14 September 2005 outlining the proposal. This regulatory change will be proposed at a later date.

2. Cost Recovery Regulations Review (File RDMI-RG-CR-ECR (175-A00-72-2))

After completing an extensive consultation process on the proposed amendments to the National Energy Board Cost Recovery Regulations in relation to electricity matters, and receiving comment from interested parties until 24 February 2006, the Board sent a summary report to electricity companies under NEB jurisdiction, and other interested parties, on 4 May 2006. The summary report is available on the NEB website using the above file code. It included a proposed year-end change to align the NEB cost recovery year with the fiscal year.

On 17 May 2006, the Board sent a letter to electricity, oil and gas companies under NEB jurisdiction, and other interested parties, noting the proposed amendment for the cost recovery period from the calendar year to match the NEB fiscal year of 1 April to 31 March, and a transitional period to implement the change. Board staff is currently drafting these amendments.

### 3. National Energy Board Damage Prevention Regulations

On 7 February 2005, the Board informed interested parties that it had completed the initial development phase of the above-noted Regulations. The Regulations were submitted to the Department of Justice for review and analysis prior to pre-publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I. The Department of Justice is reviewing the drafted Regulations.

### Regulatory Initiatives Pursuant to the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act (COGOA)

### 4. Goal-oriented Drilling and Production Regulations (D&PR)

On 11 April 2005, the Board, on behalf of several other federal and provincial agencies, sought comments from interested parties on a draft of the D&PR.

The D&PR project is an initiative of the Board, Natural Resources Canada, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Project Working Group). These agencies all have some form of direct regulatory responsibility for companies involved in the drilling for, and production of, oil and gas in Canada's frontier areas (i.e. Northwest Territories, Nunavut and offshore), including those governed under the *Offshore Accord Acts*.

#### 5. Diving Regulations and Guidance Notes

Draft goal-oriented diving regulations were submitted to the Department of Justice for review and analysis prior to pre-publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I. For more information on this matter, refer to item 4 under *Amendments to Regulations and Rules* in the May 2001 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

#### **Administrative Matter**

### Scheduled Energy Market Assessments (EMA) for 2006

#### 1. Short-term Canadian Natural Gas Deliverability, 2006-2008

This report will examine the factors affecting Canadian natural gas production, and will present an outlook for deliverability to the end of 2008.

Natural gas production in Canada comes mainly from the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (WCSB), with some additional production from offshore Nova Scotia. The report is expected to be released in October 2006.

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### **Appendix I**

### **Section 58 Applications**

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	File: PA-TCP-2005-014/3400- T001-249 Order: XG-T001-01-2006	Application for 2007 Eastern Mainline Expansion  On 5 July, the Board concluded that TransCanada has substantially complied with requirements of Condition 16, however, some information filed was insufficient. The Board directed TransCanada to provide a detailed instream survey profile, and a detailed reclamation plan specific to each watercourse. In addition, the Board expects TransCanada to include the Species at Risk Surveys in the EPP for the Stittsville Loop. Upon receipt of more detailed responses, on 31 July, the Board concluded that TransCanada had complied with the requirements of Condition 16.  On 5 July the Board also concluded that TransCanada filings dated 29 June and 4 July 2006 re: Condition 13 demonstrated that TransCanada complied with Condition 13. The Board allowed TransCanada to begin construction immediately, excluding watercourse crossings, until it received the info requested for Condition 16 (above.)	n/a
Express Pipelines Ltd.	File: OF-Fac-O-E092-2005- 01 01 (3400-E092-8)	Application to vary Board Order XO-E092-03-2006  On 13 July 2006, the Board approved Express' application to amend Schedule A to reflect changes to the pipe grade and maximum operating pressure of the previously approved Project, the construction of a 600 metre lateral tie-in from Gibson Petroleum Ltd.'s Hardisty Terminal to Express' Hardisty Terminal.	n/a
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	File: OF-Fac-G-T211 2006 02 01 (3400-T001-251)	Application for 2006 Construction – No. 2 Decommissioning Activities at Compressor Station 92 at the Quonset Storage Building at Mattice, Ontario (filed 25 April 2006)  On 14 July the Board granted Order XG-T001-07-2006 approving the decomissioning Project, and granted TransCanada an exemption from the requirements of sections 30-33 and section 47 of the Act subject to conditions.	\$3,139,000
Kaiser Exploration Ltd.	File: AFP-KAX-2006 1 (3400- K039-1)	Application to construct the Boundary Lake Pipelines, a 490 m sour gas natural pipeline starting at a riser on a wellsite facility in B.C. and ending at a tie-in point at an existing Kaiser facility in Alberta, and a 490 m oil effluent pipeline, and a 490 m OD fuel gas pipeline. Related facilities include risers, a pig launcher and receiver, valves, and tie-in piping.  On 14 July the Board approved Kaiser's application to construct this project by issuing Order XG-KAX-08-2006 and granted Kaiser exemption from the provisions of subsection 29(1), paragraph 30(1)(a) and section 31 of the Act. For administrative purposes, Kaiser will be regulated as a Group 2 Company. Kaiser is required to inform the Board should there be any significant change in the operation of the pipeline of if tolls are to be charged. There were 7 conditions.	\$325,000

#### **Profile**

The National Energy Board is a federal regulatory tribunal that was created on 2 November 1959 by an Act of Parliament.

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 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 and Skills Development Canada to administer Part II of the *Canada Labour Code*.

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