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November 15, 2010

Mr. D. (Dalton) Dalik
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Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
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Dear Mr. Dalik:

Re: Proposed Changes to Crown Land Sale Process

The Ministry of Energy and Resources (ER) is seeking comments on the following proposed changes to the Crown petroleum and natural gas rights land sale process:

1. Eliminate the advertised deadline for accepting land sale posting requests.

While every effort would be made to place postings in the next scheduled land sale with approximately the same time interval as presently offered, elimination of an advertised deadline would encourage industry to submit requests in a more timely manner. Land sale staff is experiencing increasing pressure on posting request closing days due to a high volume of last-minute requests, and this pressure increases the possibility of mistakes and monopolizes an inordinate amount of their time which should be spent resolving land sale issues. Note that each request would include the preferred sale date for that parcel.

2. Standardized fillable PDF files for posting requests and land sale bids.
3. Electronic Debit the only form of payment accepted for land sale bids.

Feedback is being requested from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Land Administration, and subscribers to ER's E-mail Subscription Service (www.er.gov.sk.ca/subscribeonline).

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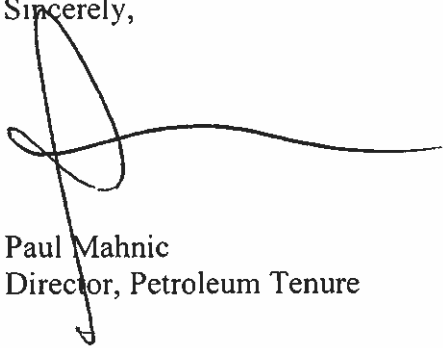
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ER invites you to provide input to the ministry by **December 15, 2010** by addressing your comments to the undersigned at:

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Sincerely,

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Paul Mahnic
Director, Petroleum Tenure

cc: Ed Dancsok, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy and Resources



November 29, 2010

**Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Energy and Resources
Petroleum and Natural Gas**

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Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2H9

Attention: Mr. Paul Mahnic, Director Petroleum Tenure

Dear Sir:

RE: Proposed Changes to Crown Land Sale Process

The proposal to eliminate the advertised deadline for accepting land sale postings will cause substantial uncertainty for Industry, especially in Saskatchewan where there are only six sales per year, so there is a long time between sales.

Industry strictly adheres to the schedule of posting deadlines and very often plans the timing of drilling and completion of wells around the posting deadlines in order to have well information in hand to evaluate those land sale postings prior to the scheduled sale.

Budgets are often tied to the timing of land sale postings. It is a certainty that is of significance to Industry and we urge you not to change the existing practice. Stating a preferred sale date does not provide the same certainty.

Perhaps moving to standardized fillable PDFs for filing postings will help with alleviating the processing of postings on the last day of the posting period, or the Crown could consider increasing the number of sales per year. Moving to an electronic, web-based mineral land tenure system would assist this as well.

Industry is not likely to have issue with standardized fillable PDF files for posting requests and land sale bids, provided the forms are easily accessible and easy to use. Nor do we foresee that use of Electronic Debit as the only form of payment accepted for land sale bids causing much concern. Alberta land sales currently use this method for payment and it seems to have worked well.

Having witnessed substantial process change in other jurisdictions, we have seen how prior notification of all interested stakeholders with significant lead time has been pivotal in successful implementation and we encourage this practice in relation to any change in the Land Sale process.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM LANDMEN

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Dalton Dalik, P.Land
President

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Margaret Ariss, Director
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