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Lieutenant-Governor

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Pursuant to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1965 and upon the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that Drilling and Production Regulations made under Order-in-Council No. 308, approved February 3, 1969, and published in the Gazette as B.C. Reg. 60/69, as amended by Order-in-Council 3162, approved October 2, 1969 and published in the Gazette as B.C. Reg. 249/69, and as amended by Order-in-Council 4777, approved December 30, 1971 and published in the Gazette as B.C. Reg. 8/72, be amended as follows:

1. Section 1.01

Repeal the definition of "discovery well" and substitute the following two definitions: "discovery oil well" means an oil well, which in the opinion of the Branch is the first oil well completed in a petroleum accumulation; and "discovery gas well" means a gas well, which in the opinion of the Branch is the first gas well completed in a gas accumulation.

2. Section 13.03

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where a boundary of a location coincides with the side of a normal spacing area, no gas well other than a wildcat or a discovery gas well shall be completed nearer to that boundary of the location than 660 feet".

3. Section 13.04

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where a boundary of a location does not coincide with the side of a normal spacing area, no gas well other than a wildcat or discovery gas well shall be completed nearer to that boundary of the location than 660 feet plus the distance between that boundary and the side of the partial spacing area".

4. Section 13.05

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where a boundary of a location coincides with the side of a normal spacing area, a gas well that is classified as a wildcat or discovery gas well shall not be completed nearer than 330 feet from that boundary".

5. Section 13.06

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where a boundary of a location does not coincide with the side of a normal spacing area, a gas well that is classified as a wildcat or discovery gas well shall not be completed nearer than 330 feet plus the distance between that boundary and the side of the partial spacing area, from that boundary".

6. Section 13.07

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where two or more locations have a common border and common ownership as recorded by the Department, they shall be considered as a single location for the purpose of gas-well spacing".

7. Section 13.08

Repeal the section and substitute the following "Where a location contains more than one normal spacing area, a gas well may be completed and produced with an off-target factor of unity anywhere within the area bounded by the exterior sides of the target areas of the whole normal spacing areas closest to the boundaries of the location and the lines joining their adjacent extremities, provided:

(a) Not more than one gas well is completed in any normal spacing area in the same pool,

(b) The sections of two gas wells completed in the same pool are no nearer, one to the other, than the average east-west distance between the target areas of laterally adjoining normal spacing areas at the same latitude as each of the two gas wells,

(c) No part of its section through the producing pool is nearer to the boundary of the location upon which it is located than the distance from that side of the target area for the spacing area to the nearest corresponding side of that spacing area.

8. Section 13.09

Repeal the section and substitute the following "If a gas well is completed in the area between the limits described in subsection (c) of section 13.08 or in the areas described in sections 13.03, 13.04, 13.05, and 13.06 where a completed well is not prohibited, any production from the well is subject to an off-target factor".

9. Section 13.10

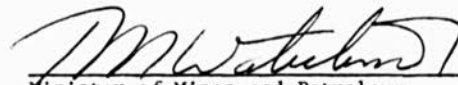
Add the following as section 13.10 "If a gas well is completed in the areas described in section 13.09, the off-target factor to be used in determining the daily gas allowable is four times the product of the shortest distances from the uppermost point of intersection of the well-bore with the productive zone to the two nearest boundaries of the normal spacing area, divided by the area of the normal spacing area."

10. Section 13.11

Add the following as section 13.11 "The Branch may exempt an off-target well from reduction of the daily gas allowable under section 13.10."

11. Section 43.01

- (a) Repeal subsection (e),
- (b) Renumber subsection (f) to subsection (e).


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