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Environmental Appeals Board Hearing Schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a Preliminary Meeting on February 8, 2007 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Centennial Centre in Okotoks, Alberta. The Preliminary Meeting is in relation to Alberta Environment's September 8, 2006 decision to issue *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* Amending Approval 1242-01-05 to the Town of Turner Valley. The Amending Approval allows for the construction, operation and reclamation of a raw water storage reservoir as part of the waterworks system for the Town of Turner Valley. The raw water storage reservoir is located at 835 Okalta Road, Turner Valley, at SE 1/4 1-20-3-W5M.

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment. The Board is composed of environmental experts from a variety of disciplines.

The Preliminary Meeting will deal with the following issues:

1. Board's motion regarding the stay request filed by Roxanne Walsh (Appellant). On November 22, 2006, the Board determined the stay was premature and would deal with it further at the Preliminary Meeting;
2. Alberta Environment's motion that Linda Abrams (Appellant) did not file a Statement of Concern with Alberta Environment, a prerequisite to filing a Notice of Appeal with the Board;
3. Board's motion whether Ms. Abrams' Notice of Appeal was filed late;
4. Alberta Environment's motion that the issues stated in Ms. Abrams' Notice of Appeal are not related to the current Amending Approval before the Board, that these issues would be the subject of a separate application to the Director of Alberta Environment for an approval, and that such an application for an approval has not been filed with Alberta Environment;
5. Town of Turner Valley's (Approval Holder) motion that an Amending Approval may not have been required, rendering the appeals and stay issue moot;
6. Town of Turner Valley's motion regarding the standing of Ms. Walsh to bring a stay application;
7. Town of Turner Valley's motion regarding the status of the Statement of Concern which should have been filed by Ms. Walsh;
8. Town of Turner Valley's motion regarding the request that security be posted by Ms. Walsh to indemnify the Town against losses attributed to any delay;
9. Town of Turner Valley's motion regarding the jurisdiction of Ms. Walsh to file a Notice of Appeal;
10. Town of Turner Valley's motion regarding the jurisdiction of Ms. Abrams to file a Notice of Appeal; and
11. Board's motion on what issues should be heard at a hearing, should one be held.

The Preliminary Meeting will be open to the public for viewing only.

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