

ALBERTA ENERGY TENURE INFORMATION EXCHANGE  
APRIL 22, 2010

**TENURE BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW**

1. *Please provide any suggestions as to the processes you would like reviewed/changed. Do you think it is an appropriate time to move forward with a review of Tenure processes?*
  - Yes, you appear to have identified most of the common areas needing review. E.g. licences, e-continuation procedure.
  - I think it is a great time and I am really looking forward to the changes.
  - Yes, I like the suggestions of being able to track continuation application status on line.
  - Just make the change to electronic continuation applications already. If both industry and Alberta Energy want it why is it even a discussion? Just do it and then tell everyone how to handle it. Also, the extension for a 16 is unclear on whether or not production is o.k. when to produce, response times, etc.
  - Yes, it is an appropriate time. It would be good to review continuations every year.
  - Please review how leases with Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) potential will be continued. There is growing popularity with EOR operations and current Tenure regulations do not support the industry needs.
  - We need more clarity where “business policy risk” is required for continuations.
  - Eliminating licences and manual cheques for Section 17 continuation.
  - Electronic advancements are key to the future of our industry. It should be implemented as soon as possible, as long as it is user friendly.
  - Quicker responses on final recommendation for continuation after receiving an advanced ruling (Section 15).
  - When an offer is received for Section 15 and 17 rights, we would like to have the ability to begin work on the Section 15 land.
  - Offsets.
  - Well abandonment process should also be reviewed.
  - Section 17 continuations \$25.00/ha should be reviewed.
  
2. *If you would like to participate on the working group please clearly print your name, company and phone number below as well as which organization you would be representing.*
  - The information received is confidential and will be used by the working group only. Thank you

## SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD

3. *Did this presentation help you understand how these mineral rights will be administered in the future?*

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
0%	1%	1%	6%	60%	32%

### *Comments:*

- Very interesting presentation.
- Look forward to further updates when the process has been “tweaked” as the initial process is monitored. Then a final outline to confirm process in place for future leases.
- Enjoyed the history!
- Very informative, have never heard of SSB before.
- Appreciate this topic being addressed as it will have an impact on my role regarding payment of rentals.
- Appreciate contact information given for questions.
- Supply a list of the agreements.
- Would be extremely helpful if you could post today’s questions on a FAQ page at the SSB site.
- Informative and interesting to start with historical background.
- Very informative, but still not sure how to “locate” land available for bid/posting.
- Very good presentation, but you forgot all the Federal lands within Indian Reserves administered by IOGC.

## SHALLOW RIGHTS REVERSION AND CONSOLIDATION

4. *Did this presentation help you to understand how shallow rights reversion will be administered?*

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
0%	1%	0%	11%	56%	32%

### *Comments:*

- Very clear.
- More information and examples would be useful.
- Think more training will be needed.
- Already do this with BC so not a new concept.
- Very quick, but examples given were very helpful.
- Thanks for the list of requirements for consolidation purposes.
- Very difficult to follow.
- Could spend more time on consolidations.
- Unclear on dates and terms.

5. Did this presentation help you to understand the consolidation of agreements?

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
0%	2%	1%	14%	59%	24%

*Comments:*

- I need to be working with it to fully understand.
- Very clear, useful.
- More information and examples would be useful.
- More training for industry will be required.
- Examples good.
- Very interesting and good to know.
- Thanks for the list of requirements for consolidation purposes.
- Fairly general, not sure if that many people are concerned with this. If a company isn't interested in applying for continuation of rights in a zone, there isn't much advantage to getting to keep those rights by consolidating.
- It would be nice to know if there are any draw backs to consolidation and what happens if you take areal agreement that was consolidated and then after shallow rights and Deeper Rights Reversion (DRR), if you can transfer to create separate agreements again.

**ALBERTA ENERGY SYSTEM APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT**

6. Did the presentation inform you of the upcoming file format changes to Land Searches and Data Files?

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
1%	3%	5%	33%	46%	12%

*Comments:*

- Nice to see this. I am sure you are having some fun in the process. Good change but didn't need a presentation.
- The context for the discussion could have been more clear, so it would be easier to follow.
- Would have been nice to see actual samples of licences and leases and how they will change.
- Will review information handout for better understanding.
- Will be harder to read at first, but will be clearer on all tracks in the end.
- Lots of changes!
- A little Greek to me, but will take home to ensure that XML is compatible by Jan 2011.
- Some changes are clear; what about historical information?
- It would have been nice to see a search as well as a new search to be able to compare them.

7. *Did the presentation help you to understand how land descriptions may change as a result of our new system development?*

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
1%	1%	5%	31%	50%	12%

*Comments:*

- First time I have heard of this so I'm a little confused.
- It would have been good to know why the changes are beneficial. I didn't really get much from it.
- The acreage on the searches is awesome.
- This may add more complications than it would clarify. All the land systems will need to be updated/changed.
- A little hard to understand the context and how that will really affect us.
- Good.
- I just can't see the benefit of renumbering tract #'s as land system already reflects old zone and now tract means a "different zone"

**COMPANY AMALGAMATIONS**

8. *Did the presentation give you a better understanding of the amalgamation process?*

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
2%	2%	2%	21%	57%	16%

*Comments:*

- Very good examples provided.
- Thanks for all the work your group does with/for industry.
- Very helpful as my company has taken over & amalgamated 5 companies in the last 2 years.
- We are going through this right now, so this was very helpful.
- Yes, very informative and timely due to the number of transactions taking place today.
- Examples given were explained well.
- I would like to know when this happens and how it affects the land administration.
- Not clear why department needs extra provincial documents? As well, if the department doesn't have all the steps or needs companies to be unlinked from an ETS account will they notify us?
- Process can be confusing but I believe the data in the slides will be very helpful.
- Good reference material.

9. *Did the presentation clearly explain your role in the amalgamation process?*

Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6
6%	1%	2%	30%	50%	11%

*Comments:*

- By the end, it got a bit confusing!

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

1. *What one thing could we do to improve our business relationship with industry in the future when we work on joint projects involving industry?*

*Comments:*

- I think you are very pro-active and do a great job at educating and informing industry.
- Keeping industry as a whole updated regularly rather than just the working groups that may represent specific companies in industry.
- I think it is working well. I'm pleased to see Department of Energy (DOE) always involving industry associations in process review.
- I think you already have a strong relationship with industry (i.e. friendly, available and responsive). I think there will definitely be good opportunities with your proposed e-learning opportunities.
- Provide advance notice to industry of areas the department is thinking about reviewing and continue with industry committees.
- Speed, on everything. Why not hire more people?
- Have more knowledgeable staff, sometimes when we call the Calgary office they don't have an answer so we have to call the Edmonton office or call back later for a different person.
- More information electronically.
- More training to engineers and geologists.
- Alberta Department of Energy is doing well! On top of things.
- Making sure you get a good cross section of industry. e.g. small, medium and large companies.
- I would just like to say how helpful your staff are. I continually phone and ask questions and they have been very helpful and polite. Thank you
- Be more co-operative less dictatorial. Turn continuations around sooner. Honour advanced ruling turnaround times.
- More interactive forms, on line training/technical guidelines available as well as online forms being populated. More for future potential continuations?
- Include industry in the projects. Ensure you have a diverse representation of industry.
- Communication!
- Due to the many concerns for answers regarding continuations, maybe this could be something to be worked on? Often times workload does not allow responses as quickly as landmen would like; more staff maybe?

2. *What topics interested you the most at this year's Information Exchange? Please check one.*

- 07 Diana McQueen's presentation on Energy and Land Use in Alberta
- 28 Tenure Business Process Review
- 55 Soldier Settlement Board
- 50 Shallow Rights Reversion and Consolidation
- 12 Alberta Energy System Application Development
- 08 Company Amalgamations

*Comments:*

Diana McQueen's presentation on Energy and Land Use in Alberta

- Diana was really well informed and interested in our outcome of business for results in getting Alberta back to work with a game plan. We all benefit from removing the clutter and getting connected and coordinated. Good job Diana!

Tenure Business Process Review

- This process is the most outdated.

Soldier Settlement Board

- It's the history, it would get me interested.
- Soldier settlement board presentation was useful.
- Recently received notice from Federal Government so this information was very relevant to a current work item.
- I have never heard about this, really interesting to learn something new.
- Very interesting presentation. I was completely unaware that this was happening.
- SSB is very timely sharing of information and what the Province's plans are for going forward.

Shallow Rights Reversion and Consolidation

- Which area of Alberta will receive notices first or is it based on oldest lease number.

Company Amalgamations

- Company amalgamations due to our own corporate plans.

Misc. Comments on Presentations

- Very good, are informative sessions.
- All very useful. All relevant particularly meeting contacts. Thank you.
- The customer service is great whenever we need to call for help nice to not feel like we are bothering people.

3. *Do you have any suggested topics for future Information Exchanges? Please list them below.*

- Guest speakers that can speak to the state of the Canadian energy sector.
- Continuation applications for unique drilling projects ie. EOR what are the best methods for industry to have lands continued?
- Production unit allocation agreements – down spacing/holdings.
- Alberta Energy & ERCB drilling right next to road allowances and how royalties work. Both bodies do not work together. Holdings, buffers, royalties.
- What I would like to see in the future in topics is more information on Advance Rulings, 8 (1) examples of scenarios, problems, pros and cons. What works, what doesn't work and how companies should use these option. When we should go to Alberta Energy to present an application for appeal.
- Continuations training.
- Shallow rights reversion.
- Licence Administration.
- Land use framework.
- A continued update on changes to continuations.
- Have all the people who were introduced at the front; couldn't see people at back of room.
- Oil Sands Tenure - MLE, MLP Tenure review.
- Breaks should be 10 min instead of 20min.
- Freehold land titles (dilution of interests, missing/deceased owner issues)
- I like to hear about the technology evolving such as acreage on searches and combined mineral and surface searches.
- I'd like to know why when amalgamations happen and the agreements get transferred why the finance end doesn't seem to change unless new agreements are filled out, etc. thanks.
- Offsets
- I believe changes are going to be beneficial, however I think the workload at DOE and industry is going to increase substantially I hope this will be considered.