



**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Derek Doyle
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Oil and Gas Commission
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Dear Derek Doyle:

Re: Advice from the OGC Advisory Committee

Thank you for attending our last meeting January 16 and 17, 2003. It was wonderful to meet with everyone again, and to greet the newly appointed members of the Committee.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, I am writing to provide our specific advice to the Oil and Gas Commission.

- Public/Web Reporting – information that we would like to be available to the public are:
 - The final decisions of the Committee (without reference to votes, abstentions, etc.);
 - Letters of advice the Committee provides to the Commission;
 - Letters of advice the Committee provides to government;
 - Names of committee members, along with short biographies and what interests they represent.
- Public Notification of Violators of Compliance and Enforcement Regulations – the Committee would like to work with the Commission to explore a process for providing public notification of repeat offenders.
- Materials developed for the Committee members be prepared in double-sided format.
- Scientific Community Environmental Knowledge Fund Proposals –
 - Pioneer Natural Resources Ltd./Ernst Environmental proposal be approved, contingent on the Commission going through the proposal to ensure the budget shows a true reflection of costs, the proposal be more specific (refined), there is a better definition of Doig River First Nation's involvement.
 - Monashee Resources Ltd. proposal be declined. The Committee believes the government should tighten up reclamation time frames (should occur immediately after operating ceases) and ensure there is an up-to-date inventory of abandoned and orphan wells. The Commission should create a comprehensive strategy/plan for rehabilitation and reforestation of abandoned and orphaned wells.
- Coal Bed Methane (CBM) –
 - The Commission needs to address public issues related to CBM in Hudson's Hope, BC. This includes identifying the concerns expressed at the recent meeting and responding/addressing them.
 - The Committee also requests an information session on CBM for its members at the next Advisory Committee Meeting. The Committee also requests an information package prior to the next meeting.

We look forward to hearing how you will move forward on the advice given.

Sincerely,

Bob Fedderly,
Chair

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