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Re: Application for Extension beyond August 31, 2023.  
Abandonment of the Aurora College Training Well G-04  
Application OA 2022-001-AC

Dear Ms. de Jong

Canadian Petroleum Engineering on behalf of Aurora College is pleased to submit the following in response to the questions that arose in our teleconference with Brandon Bradbury and Mike Martin of OROGO on August 11, 2023.

Aurora College on July 10, 2023, requested an extension to the order from the Regulator to abandon the Aurora College Training Well G-04 by August 31, 2023. There were several reasons for this request including the need for a Benefits Plan with the Gwich'in Tribal Council, delay in obtaining an Operations Authorization and an approved Authority to Alter Condition of a Well which need an approved benefits plan, and Aurora College's concern regarding the funding of the abandonment program.

On August 4, 2023 Aurora College again requested a deadline extension beyond August 31 2023 for the abandonment of the Aurora College Training Well G-04 as a benefits plan with the Gwich'in Tribal Council is still in preparation. Until the benefits plan can be agreed upon, Aurora College cannot proceed with any work on the well as per the Regulator's OROGO prohibition of Activity of July 26, 2023.

Aurora College is unable to provide a possible date by which abandonment activities may take place until consultation meetings can be held with the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

The following details our conversations with ITI and the GTC:

### Timeline of events re Benefits Plan for Aurora College Well Abandonment

June 1-CPE contacted GNWT (CarolineWawzonek). Requested a Benefits Plan waiver.  
June 6-OROGO IR #5 requested benefits package status update.  
June 6-GNWT stated that they are working on the waiver request. It should be noted that a previous email sent on Feb 6, 2023 requesting a waiver of the benefits plan was sent in error to an email not in service.  
June 22-GNWT denied request for a benefits plan waiver.  
June 29-Benefits plan submitted to GNWT for approval.  
July 4-GNWT requested AC contact Gwich'in Tribal Council to review benefits plan.  
July 11- OROGO requests information on benefits plan status  
July 18 Teams meeting with GTC (Peter Csicsai, Christina Martin GTC, Jonathon Michele AC, Lorne Hammer, Ron McCosh CPE) – Information meeting to update GTC on the abandonment project.  
July 19- Benefits plan submitted to GTC for comment and review.  
July 20- AC requests a meeting with GTC to discuss benefits plan.  
July 20 – GTC acknowledged receipt of benefits plan. GTC to get back to AC shortly.  
July 25-AC response to IR #6- AC indicated they would like to proceed with gas migration and the casing pressure test while waiting on benefits plan review by GTC.  
July 25- AC contacted GTC. Proposed a meeting to discuss information submitted July 19  
July 26-GTC replied to AC that internal process is ongoing and that GTC would respond.  
July 26-OROGO stated that no work can occur on well until an OA has been approved. OA must have approved benefits plan included.  
Aug 3- AC requests an extension beyond August 31 from OROGO as benefits plan has not been approved by GTC.  
Aug 3- AC requested a meeting with GTC to discuss benefits plan.  
Aug 11-AC requests guidance from GTC for benefits plan.  
Aug 11-Meeting with OROGO (Mike Martin, Brandon Bradbury) to discuss status of benefits plan with GTC.  
Aug 11 –AC contacted GTC.to request a meeting to discuss benefits plan. Contact at GTC is out of the office until Aug 25. AC requested a meeting with replacement contact to discuss plan. A third contact at GTC apologized for the delay in replying to AC and noted that information has been forwarded to GTC CEO. GTC to get back to AC shortly.

CPE will provide additional information as required.

Sincerely

Lorne Hammer  
Director CPE

