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Ontario Energy Board,
2300 Yonge Street,
27th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario,
M4P-1EA.

Attn; Ms. Kirsten Walli,
Board Secretary,

Dear Ms. Walli:

Reference: Board File # EB-2009-0144.

Letter of Comment - William & Barbara Cascaden (Phone # 519-844-2396).

It would seem reasonable to indicate in the Notice where the Hearing on the above will be held (Lambton County / Toronto). Few landowners can afford the cost let alone take the time to sit through a Hearing in Toronto. Therefore a letter of comment will have to suffice to be cost & time effective.

Gas storage reservoirs / part of, in most cases, are the property of the landowner's under whose land the reservoir lies. In most cases the storage operator has been granted the right to use the reservoir for gas storage by the landowners (we are one exception as the operator does not have a storage lease). The Board in turn issues the operator a license to store, lease or not, up to a maximum pressure & other conditions.

The operator should require approval from the impacted landowners to increase the pressure above the maximum allowed, before seeking approval from the Board. Is it the intent of the Board to grant approval without the operator firstly gaining landowner consent which would negate any possibility of negotiations for increased compensation due to added landowner safety / loss reservoir integrity risks? Are the landowners to receive compensation for the additional capacity based on market rate or is the Board, as it has in the past, only considered operator benefit at landowner expense?

Should the Board / operator proceed without landowner consent how does the Board/ operator intend to compensate the landowners for the additional risk & capacity? Is the Board willing to be responsible for any losses / damages incurred by the landowners?

In the Oil City Pool UNION is operating a storage well within 75 feet of our buildings which we doubt meets regulation. Board approval of higher operating pressure would definitely increase the risk in every prior stated respect. The possibility of losing reservoir integrity and therefore income is also a possibility, should this occur how does the Board / operator intend to compensate the landowners for a very valuable "lost" asset.

Having been employed at a facility that handled high pressure ethylene gas as an operator, supervisor and safety resource, for many years, I am well aware of the risks involved. We have personally witnessed a fire that shook our windows in the Oil City Pool. In Rosedale Pool a fire destroyed the drilling rig and burned for several days and a fire in the Edys Mills Pool scorched several acres of crop and forest. These "mishaps" all occurred at discovery, the pressures at the time were well below the maximum pressures allowed by the Board at designation.

In my employment I was involved in confirming that a sample of gas taken from between two strings of casing pipes in a gas storage area east of Nova's Corunna Plant which had escaped from Nova's ethylene gas storage reservoir. No problem existed for years until the operator increased storage pressure. A bad cement job was "corrected" to resolve the problem.

We request Observer status in this proceeding and your kind consideration and reply to our concerns in this matter.

Thank you in advance.

Yours truly,



William Cascaden



Barbara Cascaden