

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

IN THE MATTER of an Application for a
Local Gas Producer Franchise by the Potash
Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.

ORDER

WHEREAS the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. (the “Applicant”) has applied to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of New Brunswick (the “Board”) by application dated March 13th, 2001, (the “Application”) for a Local Gas Producers Franchise;

AND WHEREAS the Applicant seeks this franchise for the sole purpose of transporting the natural gas from a well located approximately eleven kilometres northeast of the Town of Sussex, New Brunswick for use in its potash mining and processing facility located at Sussex, New Brunswick and the Applicant intends to transport the gas by way of a single pipeline approximately 2.5 kilometres in length;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A Pre-Hearing conference be held at the Quality Inn, Sussex, New Brunswick on May 8th, 2001, commencing at 10:30 a.m. when and where the Applicant, intervenors and other interested parties may attend and make representations as to the following:
 - a. the date of the full public hearing to review the Application;
 - b. the procedure to be followed prior to and at the public hearing; and
 - c. any other relevant matters.
2. Notice of the date for the holding of the Pre-Hearing Conference in respect of the Application

be published in the form or substantially in the form attached hereto marked "A", in the English and French language, twice in each of the following newspapers:

The Moncton Times and Transcript	Moncton
The Daily Gleaner	Fredericton
The Telegraph Journal	Saint John
The Kings County Record	Sussex
L'Acadie Nouvelle	Caraquet

once on or before April 15th, 2001 and once between April 16th, 2001 and April 22nd, 2001.

3. Persons intending to intervene must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the address below, no later than the 4th day of May, 2001 and:

- a.** state whether the person intends to appear at the hearing and the official language in which the person intends to be heard;
- b.** set out the name of the person and any authorized representative of the person and the mailing address, address for personal service, telephone number and any other telecommunications numbers of the person or the person's authorized representative;
- c.** establish that the person's interest justifies intervener status in the proceeding; and
- d.** state the issues that the person intends to address at the hearing or, where the person does not intend to participate actively at the hearing, state the reasons why the person's interest justifies intervenor status in the proceeding;

Where, by reason of an inability or insufficient time to study the Application, a person is unable to include in the written intervention the information required by paragraph 3(d), the person shall provide a statement in the written intervention explaining why the person was unable or why there was insufficient time to study the Application and as soon as possible after the date of service of a copy of the Application or as soon as possible after the date of filing the written intervention, whichever is later, file with the Board and serve on the Applicant, a supplement to the written

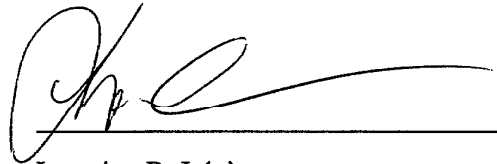
intervention containing the information required by paragraph 3(d).

4. Persons who do not wish to formally intervene but who wish to make comments to the Board regarding the proceeding must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the addresses below, on or before May 4th, 2001 of their intent to file a letter of comment.

5. The Application, together with a copy of this Order, will be placed on file for examination by interested parties, during normal business hours, at the office of the Board and at the office of the Applicant, located at McCully Station Road, Penobsquis, N.B.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 3rd day of April, 2001.

BY THE BOARD



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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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IN THE MATTER of a Hearing to consider
an Application for a Local Gas Producer
Franchise by the Potash Corporation of
Saskatchewan Inc.

NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of New Brunswick (the “Board”) has received an application (the “Application”) from the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. (the “Applicant”) for a Local Gas Producer Franchise pursuant to the *Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, S.N.B. 1999, c. G-2.11.

The Applicant seeks this franchise for the sole purpose of transporting the natural gas from a well located approximately eleven kilometres northeast of the Town of Sussex, New Brunswick for use in its potash mining and processing facility located at Sussex, New Brunswick. The gas will be transported by way of a single pipeline approximately 2.5 kilometres in length.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board has ordered the following:

1. A Pre-Hearing conference will be held at the Quality Inn, Sussex, New Brunswick on May 8th, 2001, commencing at 10:30 a.m. when and where the Applicant, intervenors and other interested parties may attend and make representations as to the following:
 - a. the date of the full public hearing to review the Application;
 - b. the procedure to be followed prior to and at the public hearing; and
 - c. any other relevant matters.

2. Persons intending to intervene must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the address below, no later than the 4th day of May, 2001 and:

a. state whether the person intends to appear at the hearing and the official language in which the person intends to be heard;

b. set out the name of the person and any authorized representative of the person and the mailing address, address for personal service, telephone number and any other telecommunications numbers of the person or the person's authorized representative;

c. establish that the person's interest justifies intervener status in the proceeding; and

d. state the issues that the person intends to address at the hearing or, where the person does not intend to participate actively at the hearing, state the reasons why the person's interest justifies intervenor status in the proceeding;

Where, by reason of an inability or insufficient time to study the Application, a person is unable to include in the written intervention the information required by paragraph 2(d), the person shall provide a statement in the written intervention explaining why the person was unable or why there was insufficient time to study the Application and as soon as possible after the date of service of a copy of the Application or as soon as possible after the date of filing the written intervention, whichever is later, file with the Board and serve on the Applicant, a supplement to the written intervention containing the information required by paragraph 2(d).

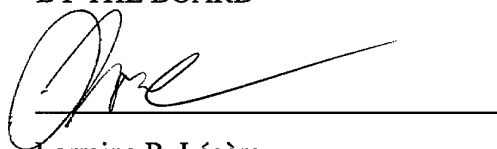
3. Persons who do not wish to formally intervene but who wish to make comments to the Board regarding the proceeding must notify the Board and the Applicant, in writing, at the addresses below, on or before May 4th, 2001 of their intent to file a letter of comment.

4. The Application, together with a copy of the Board's hearing Order, will be placed on file for examination by interested parties, during normal business hours, at the office of the Board and

at the office of the Applicant, located at McCully Station Road, Penobsquis, N.B.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 3rd day of April, 2001.

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