

Bill No. 6 of 1955

(*Second Session*)

A BILL TO AMEND THE GAS RESOURCES
PRESERVATION ACT

NOTE

This Bill amends *The Gas Resources Preservation Act*, being chapter 2 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1949, (*Second Session*).

Section 4 is amended to clarify a grammatical ambiguity.

Section 5, subsection (2), which lists specific information that The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board may require from an applicant for a permit to remove gas from Alberta, is amended by substituting new clauses (c) to (j) for the present clauses (c) to (j). The information which may be required under these clauses is not exclusive. The present clauses read:

- “(c) the marketing area or areas to be supplied with the gas;
- “(d) the estimated maximum hourly peak load required by the applicant;
- “(e) the estimated maximum numbers of domestic, commercial and industrial consumers to be supplied with the gas in the marketing area to be served;
- “(f) the estimated maximum hourly peak load required for each class of consumer;
- “(g) the estimated maximum monthly and annual requirements of each class of consumer;
- “(h) particulars of the specific purposes for which the gas required for commercial and industrial consumption is to be used;
- “(i) official meteorological records for the marketing area to be served and estimates setting out particulars with respect to temperature and time, as to anticipated temperature lows and the estimated load factors obtaining by virtue of climatic conditions;
- “(j) the period for which the applicant desires a permit.”.

Section 7, subsection (2) is amended. Subsection (2) presently prohibits the Board from granting a permit for the removal of gas unless the gas “in the opinion of the Board, is surplus to the present and future needs of the people of the Province”. The new subsection applies the test of public interest having regard to the present and future needs of the people of the Province, present reserves and the trends in growth of reserves of gas in the Province.

Section 8, subsection (1) is amended. Clause (b) is amended to remove the maximum monthly quantities of gas to be acquired by the permittee. The annual maximum quantity may still be prescribed under clause (b) by the Board. Clause (c) is amended to remove the reference therein to hourly rate of production, but having reference to the maximum daily rate, which may be designated by the Board under this clause.

Section 9 of the Act provides that in case of emergency The Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may divert gas that otherwise would be removed from the Province under a permit granted pursuant to the Act, for the use of the consumers within the Province. This provision is substantially reworded.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

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Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

BILL

No. 6 of 1955

(Second Session)

An Act to amend The Gas Resources Preservation Act

(Assented to , 1955)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Gas Resources Preservation Act*, being chapter 2 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1949, (Second Session), is hereby amended.

2. Section 4 is amended by striking out the words "re-
move it" and by substituting the words "remove such gas".

Section 4
amended

3. Section 5, subsection (2) is amended by striking out clauses (c) to (j) and by substituting the following:

Section 5
amended

- "(c) the estimated deliverability of gas from each such pool, field or area, by years throughout the period for which the applicant desires a permit;
- "(d) contracts to purchase or otherwise acquire property in gas;
- "(e) the marketing area or areas to be supplied with gas;
- "(f) the estimated maximum number of domestic, commercial and industrial consumers to be supplied with gas in the marketing areas to be served;
- "(g) contracts for the sale of the gas in the marketing area or areas to be served;
- "(h) the estimated maximum daily and annual requirements of the applicant for gas; and
- "(i) the period for which the applicant desires a permit."

4. Section 7 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and by substituting the following:

Section 7
amended

"(2) The Board shall not grant a permit for the removal of any gas from the Province unless, in its opinion, it is in the public interest having regard to

- "(a) the present and future needs of the people of the Province, and
- "(b) the present reserves and the trends in growth of reserves of gas in the Province."

5. Section 8, subsection (1) is amended

Section 8
amended

- (a) as to clause (b) by striking out the words "maximum monthly and",

(b) as to clause (c) by striking out the words "and hourly".

Section 9
amended
In
emergency
gas may be
diverted

6. Section 9 is struck out and the following is substituted:

"9. Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act or of any permit granted under this Act, if in the opinion of the Board, an unforeseen emergency jeopardizes an adequate supply of gas to consumers within the Province, the Board may, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as long as the emergency, in the Board's opinion, continues and for the purpose of meeting the emergency

"(a) adjust the allowable rates of production of gas from any well, pool or field, or

"(b) require the diversion of any gas intended for industrial use outside the Province to such other uses as the Board may direct."

Coming into
force

7. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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BILL

An Act to amend The Gas Resources
Preservation Act

Received and read the

First time.....

Second time.....

Third time.....

HON. MR. MANNING
