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A Bill to amend The Electric Power and Pipe Line Assessment Act

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Explanatory Note

- 1. The Electric Power and Pipe Line Assessment Act, Statutes of Alberta, 1961, chapter 29, amended.
 - 2. Section 2, clause (d), subclause (iii) presently reads: "2. In this Act
 - (d) "pipe line" means
 - (iii) any pipe line in any gas well, oil well or gas and oil well, injection well, salt production well, and salt water disposal well, and

The new subclause (iii) uses terminology in conformity to that used in The Oil and Gas Conservation Act.

3. Section 5, subsection (5) presently reads:

"5. Any pipe in any gas well, oil well or gas and oil well, injection well, gas and liquid petroleum injection well, salt production well and salt water disposal well shall be assessed by applying such rates as may be prescribed to the average depth of wells in the pool in which the well is situated or to an equitable depth determined by the Provincial Assessor for wells situated in an area where the pool depth has not been clearly defined.".

See note to clause 4 of this Bill.

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Assessment Act

(Assented to

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

- 1. The Electric Power and Pipe Line Assessment Act is hereby amended.
- **2.** Section 2, clause (d) is amended by striking out subclause (iii) and by substituting the following:
 - (iii) any pipe in a well used or drilled for the purpose of
 - (A) obtaining oil or gas or both or any other mineral, or
 - (B) injecting gas, air, water or other substance to an underground formation, and
- 3. Section 5 is amended by striking out subsection (5) and by substituting the following:
- (5) In the case of a pipe in a well used or drilled for the purpose of obtaining oil or gas or both or any other mineral or for the purpose of injecting gas, air, water or other substance to an underground formation, the pipe shall be assessed by applying such rates as may be prescribed by the Minister
 - (a) to the average depth of all wells in the same pool, where the pool is designated as a pool by the Oil and Gas Conservation Board under The Oil and Gas Conservation Act, or
 - (b) to the average depth determined by the Minister for all wells in part of a pool to which clause (a) otherwise applies, where the Minister by regulation had defined that part of the pool for the purposes of assessment under this clause, or
 - (c) to a well depth determined by the Provincial Assessor in any other case not provided for in clause(a) or (b).

4. The purpose of this amendment is to provide the Minister with the authority to make a regulation under this Act determining the average depths of certain groups of wells for which the average depth for the entire pool in which they are situated is not equitable. It is intended that the Minister will determine by regulation the average depths of the wells situated in each township which forms part of the pool.

Subsection (5) of section 5 is amended as a result of this change; see clause 3 of this Bill.

5. Commencement of Act.

4. Section 20 is amended

- (a) by striking out the word "and" at the end of clause (c) and by adding the word "and" at the end of clause (d),
- (b) by adding the following clause after clause (d):
 - (e) defining for the purposes of assessment under clause (b) of subsection (5) of section 5 any part of a pool designated as a pool by the Oil and Gas Conservation Board under The Oil and Gas Conservation Act and determining the average depth of all wells in the part of the pool so defined.
- 5. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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