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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ENERGY ACROSS BOUNDARIES

*Memorandum of*  
219-19-19  
**WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE**  
MAY 2, 2006  
*on Energy Across*  
*Boundaries*





**WHEREAS** the Parties share mutual interests in their respective energy sectors in regards to the need for regulatory transparency, efficiency in regulatory processes, and regulatory harmonization across boundaries.

**WHEREAS** the Parties share mutual interests in raising the level of awareness and understanding among Canadians, North Americans and others on the potential for the energy sectors of the Parties to provide the energy resources and expertise to meet the needs of our nation, our continent and beyond.

**WHEREAS** the Parties agree that there may be opportunities for future areas of co-operation in energy development, planning for regional energy infrastructure needs and energy research, innovation and efficiency initiatives.

**THEREFORE**, the Parties have developed a Memorandum of Understanding on Energy across Boundaries as set out in the following.

#### **INTENT**

The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to develop cooperative measures between the Parties to advance energy issues in areas of mutual interest. This includes efforts to engage the federal government on issues related to the regulation of energy both within Canada and across boundaries to help ensure the timely development of the Parties' energy resources.

Parties to this MOU also have a desire to work co-operatively in raising the awareness of other Canadians, North Americans and the International community of the potential of this region's resources and expertise to meet the energy needs of our nation, our continent and beyond.

This MOU is not a legally binding agreement, and is an expression of the purpose and intention of the Parties. Nothing in this MOU should be construed to limit or modify existing legal authorities, rights, privileges and duties of the respective Parties.





## SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION

Without unnecessarily limiting the areas of cooperation, the Parties intend to cooperate as follows:

- improve coordination and cooperation in the evaluation and approval of energy development projects;
- examine opportunities for regulatory approval efficiency and regulatory harmonization;
- develop shared recommendations on regulatory matters and, where appropriate, share these recommendations with the Government of Canada;
- foster joint initiatives that support energy research, innovation and efficiency;
- develop a shared approach for communicating with Canadians, North Americans and others on the importance of this region as a secure energy provider and source of energy expertise; and,
- cooperate on establishing a substantive participatory role for provinces and territories in international energy discussions and negotiations.

## COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties' Ministers responsible for energy ("Ministers") will be responsible for implementing this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Parties will coordinate efforts under this MOU through their respective Deputy Ministers responsible for energy ("Deputy Ministers").

The Deputy Ministers will be responsible to their respective Ministers for outcomes in the areas of specific cooperation.

All information exchanged will be voluntary and jointly approved by the responsible Deputy Ministers.

The Deputy Ministers may establish working groups to carry out specific activities or projects as necessary.

## DURATION

This MOU comes into effect upon signing by all Parties, and if signed upon by different dates, the last of the signatory dates.

This MOU will remain in effect for a period of four years.

A Party may, with six months' written notice, withdraw from this MOU.

## AMENDMENTS

Any provisions set out in this MOU may be amended with the written consent of the Parties.





### COUNTERPARTS

This MOU may be signed in counterparts.

The Parties have executed this MOU by their duly authorized representatives on the dates noted below.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable David Walter Chomiak  
Minister of Energy, Science and Technology

Date: MAY 2/06

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Brendan Bell  
Minister of Industry, Tourism, and Investment

Date: MAY 2/06

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Richard Neufeld  
Minister of Energy,  
Mines and Petroleum Resources

Date: MAY 8/06

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Archie Lang  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

Date: MAY 2/06

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Eric Cline, Q.C.  
Minister of Industry and Resources

Date: MAY 2/06

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Edward Picco  
Minister of Energy

Date: MAY 26 106

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA:

Original Signed By:

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The Honourable Greg Melchin  
Minister of Energy

Date: MAY 2/06