

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 449

September 30, 2010

TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation and LTSA Fee Schedule

The *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and supporting regulation, the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation, will be brought into force effective October 4, 2010.

Sections 24 and 25 of the new regulations address the requirement to survey pipelines and well sites, related to oil and gas activity, within specified timeframes. Section 26 of the new regulations provides a mechanism to apply for an extension to the timeframes stated in sections 24 and 25. Information pertaining to the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation can be found on the Oil and Gas Commission website at <http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/regulations.aspx>

At the date the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation is brought into force, the applicant, the land surveyor, will be responsible for all Surveyor General examination and application fees. These fees are provided in the following table.

S.24 (3)

Plan examination by the Surveyor General, or persons acting under the Surveyor General's direction, of a statutory right of way plan and deposit of such plan in the Land Title Register - \$410.85

S. 25(1)(b)

Plan examination by the Surveyor General, or persons acting under the Surveyor General's direction, of a well site plan, and filing of such plan in the Crown Land Registry - \$200.00

S. 26(1)

Application to the Surveyor General for an extension of time to complete a survey or plan required under sections 24 and 25 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation - \$100.00

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The Surveyor General is working with the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors to enact consequential amendments to the General Survey Instruction Rules (GSIR) required as a result of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* and the Oil and Gas Activities Act General Regulation being brought into force.

As of October 4, 2010, all well site plans submitted to the Surveyor General must comply with the new survey rules as per the GSIR.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Thomson".

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Surveyor General of British Columbia