



**October 23, 2020**

**INFORMATION LETTER 2020-48**

**Subject: Resumption of Public Offerings and Direct Purchase Requests of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Oil Sands Crown Mineral Rights**

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Effectively October 23, Alberta Energy is resuming public offerings (land sales) for petroleum and natural gas (PNG) and oil sands Crown mineral rights. In an effort to make new lands available as quickly as possible, an accelerated sales resumption plan, which is outlined below, was developed.

**Resuming Land Sales**

Land sales will resume in the order outlined in the attached revised sales schedule (which supersedes the schedule in IL 2020-01), with the first resumed land sale occurring November 18. In an effort to expedite the process, the four previously published and subsequently deferred sales – of April 15, April 29, May 13 and May 27 – will be combined into two sales. The unpublished deferred sales of June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 and August 5, will be combined into one sale. Bidding for the three sales will open once the Public Offering Notice is published.

Resumption of deferred land sales will occur as follows:

Original Sale Date	New Sale Date	Date Sale will be Re-Published	Last Date to Withdraw
April 15 & April 29	November 18	November 4	October 30
May 13 & May 27	December 2	November 4	October 30
June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 & August 5	January 13	November 18	November 11

The first new sale will be held February 10, 2021 with the posting request acceptance period commencing immediately and closing on November 10. This affects the March 10 sale’s acceptance period, which now will commence on November 11 and close November 24. Direct purchase requests also may be submitted effective October 23.

Companies who want to withdraw previously published parcels or posting requests from any of the previously deferred or suspended sales, will be allowed to do so as long as the request to withdraw is received by the “Last Date to Withdraw” identified in the table above. Requests related to oil sands or PNG should be directed respectively to [ostenure@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ostenure@gov.ab.ca) or [Postings.Energy@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Postings.Energy@gov.ab.ca).

### **Modernizing the Sales Process**

In an effort to support Albertans receiving fair value for petroleum, natural gas and oil sands rights, the department has taken steps to modernize the land sales by adjusting the minimum bid price for all PNG and oil sands agreements (leases, licences and permits) to \$35 per hectare.

The new minimum bid takes effect immediately and will apply to new and deferred sales. The valuation methodology for direct purchase prices will remain as originally outlined in IL 2017-21.

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Attachment

Land Automated Mineral Agreement System  
**REVISED PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND OIL SANDS SALES SCHEDULE**  
 FROM JANUARY 01, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Posting Request	Acceptance Period	Date Published	Sale Date
19-Sep-04	To 19-Sep-24	19-Nov-13	20-Jan-08
19-Sep-25	To 19-Oct-08	19-Nov-27	20-Jan-22
19-Oct-09	To 19-Nov-05	19-Dec-11	20-Feb-05
19-Nov-06	To 19-Nov-19	20-Jan-08	20-Mar-04
19-Nov-20	To 19-Dec-03	20-Jan-22	20-Mar-18
19-Dec-04	To 19-Dec-17	20-Feb-05	20-Apr-01
CLOSED	To CLOSED	20-Nov-04	20-Nov-18*
CLOSED	To CLOSED	20-Nov-04	20-Dec-02**
			20-Dec-16 (No Sale Held)
CLOSED	To CLOSED	20-Nov-18	21-Jan-13***
			21-Jan-27 (No Sale Held)
20-Oct-23	To 20-Nov-10	20-Dec-16	21-Feb-10
20-Nov-11	To 20-Nov-24	21-Jan-13	21-Mar-10
20-Nov-25	To 20-Dec-08	21-Jan-27	21-Mar-24
20-Dec-09	To 20-Dec-22	21-Feb-10	21-Apr-07
20-Dec-23	To 21-Jan-05	21-Feb-24	21-Apr-21
21-Jan-06	To 21-Jan-19	21-Mar-10	21-May-05
21-Jan-20	To 21-Feb-02	21-Mar-24	21-May-19
21-Feb-03	To 21-Feb-16	21-Apr-07	21-Jun-02
21-Feb-17	To 21-Mar-02	21-Apr-21	21-Jun-16
21-Mar-03	To 21-Mar-23	21-May-12	21-Jul-07
21-Mar-24	To 21-Apr-06	21-May-26	21-Jul-21
21-Apr-07	To 21-Apr-20	21-Jun-09	21-Aug-04
21-Apr-21	To 21-May-04	21-Jun-23	21-Aug-18
21-May-05	To 21-May-18	21-Jul-07	21-Sep-01
21-May-19	To 21-Jun-01	21-Jul-21	21-Sep-15
21-Jun-02	To 21-Jun-15	21-Aug-04	21-Sep-29
21-Jun-16	To 21-Jun-29	21-Aug-18	21-Oct-13
21-Jun-30	To 21-Jul-13	21-Sep-01	21-Oct-27
21-Jul-14	To 21-Aug-03	21-Sep-22	21-Nov-17
21-Aug-04	To 21-Aug-17	21-Oct-06	21-Dec-01
21-Aug-18	To 21-Aug-31	21-Oct-20	21-Dec-15

\*New sale date for original sales April 15&29, 2020

\*\*New sale date for original sales May 13&27, 2020

\*\*\*New sale date for original sales June 10&24; July 8&22; August 5, 2020