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# BACKGROUNDER

September 28, 2023

## Timeline of Events

The following information details the events that have taken place since the AER issued the initial reasonable care and measures order to the AlphaBow.

- **March 30, 2023:** The AER issues a reasonable care and measures (RCAM) order to AlphaBow, which directs the company to submit a number of action plans and financial information, and provide \$15,374,050 in security.
- **April 21, 2023:** AlphaBow requests a regulatory appeal of the RCAM order and a stay.
- **May 10, 2023:** AlphaBow's request for a stay was dismissed.
- **May 11, 2023:** Counsel for AlphaBow wrote to the Court of Appeal seeking an emergency application to stay enforcement of the RCAM order and appeal the decision to deny the stay.
- **May 12-31, 2023:** Communication between AlphaBow and the AER regarding AlphaBow's response to the RCAM order and to clarify the AER's expectations.
- **May 18, 2023:** Court of Appeal determined that it did not have the jurisdiction to stay the AER's order.
- **June 5, 2023:** The AER orders AlphaBow to suspend its licenses and sites, citing a failure to comply with the previous RCAM order.
- **June 9, 2023:** AlphaBow requests a regulatory appeal of the suspension order, a stay of the suspension order, and an inquiry under the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*.
- **June 13, 2023:** The AER grants an interim stay of the suspension order pending a decision on AlphaBow's request for an inquiry.
- **June 15-26:** Communication between AlphaBow and the AER regarding compliance with orders and to clarify expectations and timelines.
- **June 28, 2023:** The AER grants AlphaBow's requests for regulatory appeals of the RCAM order and suspension order.
- **July 5, 2023:** The AER denies AlphaBow's request for an inquiry and indicates that it is still reviewing the stay request.
- **August 14, 2023:** The AER denies AlphaBow's request to stay the suspension order and indicates that the suspension order is in effect.
- **August 16, 2023:** The AER issues Notice of Hearing for the regulatory appeals granted to AlphaBow and invites requests to participate.

- **August 17, 2023:** AlphaBow requests that the AER's hearing panel provide AlphaBow with an inquiry pursuant section 45 of the *OGCA* and section 30 of the *Pipeline Act*; or that the regulatory appeals of the orders be heard on an expedited timeline agreed to by the parties.
- **September 6, 2023:** The AER transfers control of thousands of AlphaBow oil and gas wells to the Orphan Well Association (OWA) and directs them to suspend the sites.

#### **Additional Information about AlphaBow**

- AlphaBow currently holds approximately 8113 licenses (3784 well licences, 277 facilities licences, and 4038 licences for pipeline segments).
- AlphaBow has been operating since 2016.
- In 2020, the shareholders of the company changed.
- In April 2022, a new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ben Li, was brought in to address AlphaBow's inactive well inventory, address outstanding account receivables and negotiate arrangements with various stakeholders to address historic issues.
- In the last year, AlphaBow has met its 2022 mandatory spend of \$5.01 million and completed its deferred 2021 Area Based Closure commitment of \$3.8 million. Mr. Li has also pivoted the focus of AlphaBow's operations to low carbon and capture operations.

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