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PROVINCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOUR GAS RELEASE OF: DIRECTIONS: A WORK IN PROGRESS

(Calgary, Alberta, Thursday, October 5, 2000) The Advisory Committee on Public Safety and Sour Gas (the Committee), a multi-stakeholder group set up in January, 2000 by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB), today released Directions documents entitled *DIRECTIONS: A Work in Progress*. Based on extensive input from the public and other stakeholders, the document identifies the highest priority issues and the direction in which the Committee is proposing to move with respect to recommendations for each priority issue.

As a basis for its eventual recommendations to the EUB and other agencies, the Committee is seeking input on this Directions document. To this end, the Committee will conduct a second round of community meetings during the month of October in nine separate locations.

These will take the form of a series of Open Houses from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a facilitated group meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

October 16	Edson/Hinton	Edson and District Recreation Centre
October 17	Leduc	Leduc Inn
October 18	Drayton Valley	West Wind Motor Inn
October 19	Rocky Mountain House	Tamarack Inn
October 23	Sundre	Senior's Recreation Centre
October 24	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie Inn
October 25	Red Deer	Red Deer Lodge
October 26	Calgary	Coast Plaza Hotel
October 30	Pincher Creek	Heritage Inn

For those who cannot attend in person and who would like a copy of the Directions document or to make a written submission, please see the directions on our website at www.publicsafetyandsourgas.org or call toll free to 1-888-882-1286.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Public Safety and Sour Gas is to examine public health and safety issues associated with sour gas and the related regulatory framework. Based on its review process, the committee will recommend ways for the EUB to make its regulatory system more effective.

To understand the public's issues, concerns, and suggestions, the Committee conducted an extensive public consultation and outreach process in June and July, 2000. This work included one-on-one discussion sessions between the public and committee members in 12 locations, meetings with First Nations and Metis communities and organizations, a random sample telephone survey of Albertans in sour gas zones, and a review of written submissions and response forms. *DIRECTIONS: A Work in Progress* is based on this extensive public input.

For more information on how to get a printed copy of *DIRECTIONS: A Work in Progress* or to make a submission, please contact the Advisory Committee at:

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