

Harmonization of Flare, Vent and Fuel Definitions – Discussion with CAPP Accounting Committee Co-Chairs

Wednesday Sep 5th, 2012

10-10:45am

CAPP Committee Room B

Attendees:

Kim Gilroy, Co-Chair CAPP Accounting Committee (ConocoPhillips)
Charlene Cossette, Co-Chair CAPP Accounting Committee (Surge Energy)
David Daly, CAPP Manager Fiscal Policy
Elise Bieche, CAPP Manager National Air Issues (Had to leave at 10:30am)
Jim Spangelo, ERCB
James Vaughan, ERCB

Discussion:

Jim and James shared slides on flare and vent harmonization. They gave a brief overview of what the Canadian Flaring and Venting Regulators Forum is, outlined that they were exploring the idea of similar definitions for flaring and venting across the provinces and walked through the process taken to date. It was explained how this idea was generated and the process we have followed since talking with other provinces. This included a discussion of next steps with CAPP (November 2011), discussion with industry environmental types (April 2012), followed by discussion with measurement specialists (June 2012). In the last meeting with measurement specialists it was suggested that the next step was to discuss this idea with production accountants and registry folks.

We explained that what we were interested in doing was better quantifying benefits and impacts/costs to help us explore this idea further. Right now we have support from our Board to explore this idea but not implement it.

Both Kim and Charlene suggested they would be receptive to looking at this issue further, acknowledging that they could see why what was being proposed might be worth examining. At the same time it would result in some impact and work in the area of rewriting specifications and time to test and implement new reporting requirements together with education on any changes required, etc. There was a suggestion that there may be value at some point in bringing the EPAP folks together with the measurement types to have a more detailed discussion around this idea. Folks would need to look at system impacts and both industry and software vendors would also need to be involved at some stage to discuss timing and effort.

Kim and Charlene suggested that the next step would be to meet with the CAPP accounting committee - given the issue a special meeting could be set up to allow sufficient time for discussion. 1 hour for discussion (book the room for 1.5 hrs). They believed that given the representation on the CAPP accounting committee this would be a good next step. This

committee meeting includes knowledgeable production accountants as well as other folks intimately familiar with the registry (Ross Weaver and Ann Hagedorn). There may be value in the future of forming a subcommittee to look at this issue in more detail.

James and Jim suggested that right now we are looking to get enough info to decide whether this idea has merit before taking back to our Board and other provincial agencies to take forward – a rough idea of costs, effort, and support is what we are looking for at this stage.

Next Meeting to Discuss– CAPP Accounting Committee

Two dates were suggested as possible times:

9-10 am Wed Oct 3rd 2012 or

8-9am Wed Oct 10th 2012.

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David will look for a CAPP meeting room for these dates and a presentation on this topic from James and Jim will be suggested at the next regularly scheduled CAPP Accounting Committee meeting which is on Sept 26th. The ERCB would also plan to extend the invite to their counterparts in BC and Saskatchewan who have also been involved in the discussion around this idea.