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Objet :

I drove to Calgary and attended the EnCana hearing with respect to "Carpet-Bomb" drilling the NWA on Suffield. Part of the reason for the trip was to ground-truth the idea that the Provincial ERCB building in Calgary was a very poor choice as a venue for a Federal Environmental Review. Up-town Calgary has become one of the most expensive places in North America to park an automobile! Although I lucked out on parking, I am very aware how daunting driving, parking etc.has become for the average public person,not familiar with the business area of Calgary. Surely without going any further, this is proof of the troubled ERCB trying to keep both the public and the press from having easy access to this very closed Federal issue, handled very strangely by the Provincial ERCB!!

This same stunt of using Govier Hall was attempted by the ERCB with respect to the Compton hearing, prior to it ending up at the Calgary Zoo, a much more suitable site for the ERCB!! Will EnCana be paying like other industry members for the venue to have their application #1435831 with respect to drilling 3-only wells heard by the ERCB? Who paid for the supply of refreshments during the hearing? Will Guide 31 be used with respect to cost claims for application # 1435831 for incurred cost? And will these costs be forwarded to the proponent EnCana as is the case with other drilling application that require a hearing for a determination? Well do I remember Shell-Canada members complaining during the famous Farrier 7-7 hearing, while Board members lined the wall on the sandwich side of the Dovercourt Hall!!

I cannot think of a more unsuitable site from a public perspective than Govier Hall as a venue taking the above and the record and history associated with the site in the public mind!! Oh if only those hallow-walls could talk, what tales of "home spun" justice they could tell? Medicine-Hat of course would seem the more logical point for the hearing. The Peons where allowed to be heard in that city with far more interest in Suffield affairs than Calgary! Was Federal Folks approached with respect to using the Suffield Base as the site for the hearing? This could help the Federal treasury recover some of the funding the proponent is costing the Canadian public for a more than silly exercise? I was unable to recognize any press or public members in attendance at Thursday's closing arguments, other than myself. A hearing with the possible outcomes both financially and environmentally that Suffield NWA holds, would have drawn more interest had it been held in an open venue to allow both the public and press free access to. The ERCB could be protected by our law enforcement agencies, or if it was held in Suffield, by the Canadian army, or would the ERCB feel safe with that proposal? For Posting!

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