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## INFORMATION LETTER 2018-36

### Subject: Oil Sands Monthly Royalty Rates and BVM Pricing Components

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This Information Letter provides the Oil Sands Monthly Royalty Rates (Attachment 1) for Pre- and Post-Payout Gross Royalty Rate, the Post-Payout Net Royalty Rate and prices necessary for operators to calculate royalty payable in accordance with the *Oil Sands Royalty Regulation, 2009, A.R. 223/2008*.

Data components for the Bitumen Valuation Methodology (BVM) (Attachment 2) include the Monthly WCS Prices, WCS Dilbit Fraction, WCS Synbit Premium, WCS Density, Condensate Allowance Price and Density, and Bitumen Floor Price in accordance with the *Bitumen Valuation Methodology (Ministerial) Regulation*.

The Minister of Energy has provided the values for the **September 2018** production month, as set out in Attachments 1 and 2.

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Attachments: Attachments 1 & 2  
Attachment 1



Oil Sands Monthly Royalty Rates Information

Production Month: September 2018

Royalty Information

Pre-Payout Gross Royalty Rate: 5.11815% (based on Production Month actual WTI Price)  
 Post-Payout Gross Royalty Rate: 4.84738% (based on the average WTI Price for Production Year)  
 Post-Payout Net Royalty % Factor (NRPF): 32.21385% (based on the average WTI Price for Production Year)

WTI Prices and Exchange Rates

Month	Act/Est	WTI Price (\$US)	Exchange Rate (US\$/SCDN)	WTI Price (\$CDN)
Jan 2018	Act	\$57.95	0.80469944	
Feb 2018	Act	\$63.66	0.79453361	
Mar 2018	Act	\$62.18	0.77327560	
Apr 2018	Act	\$62.77	0.78536087	
May 2018	Act	\$66.33	0.77681970	
Jun 2018	Act	\$69.98	0.76167263	
Jul 2018	Act	\$67.32	0.76161462	
Aug 2018	Act	\$70.58	0.76681236	
Sep 2018	Act	\$67.85	0.76704763	= \$88.46
Oct 2018	Est	\$70.08	0.78000000	
Nov 2018	Est	\$73.25	0.78000000	
Dec 2018	Est	\$73.06	0.78000000	
Average		\$67.08	0.77765304	= \$86.26

Gross Royalty Rate

Minimum Royalty Rate:  $R_G\% = 1\%$  for  $W \leq L$   
 Maximum Royalty Rate:  $R_G\% = 9\%$  for  $W \geq H$   
 Price Sensitive Royalty Rate:  $R_G\% = 1\% + [(W - L) * F_G]$  for  $L < W < H$

Net Royalty % Factor (NRPF)

Minimum Royalty % Factor:  $R_N\%$  Factor = 25 % for  $W \leq L$   
 Maximum Royalty % Factor:  $R_N\%$  Factor = 40 % for  $W \geq H$   
 Price Sensitive Royalty % Factor:  $R_N\%$  Factor =  $[25\% + (W - L) * F_N]$  for  $L < W < H$

W = WTI Price \$CDN

L = \$CDN 55/bbl

H = \$CDN 120/bbl

$F_G = 8\%/\$65$  per barrel increase in W (straight line relation)

$F_N = 15\%/\$65$  per barrel increase in W (straight line relation)

Note: Formulas are the working level representation of the legal version that is in OSRR2009



Attachment 2



Production Month 2018	Exchange Rate (SCDN/SUS)	WCS Settlement Price (SUS/bbl)	WCS Dilbit Volume Fraction	WCS Bitumen Synbit Premium (SUS/bbl)	WCS Blend Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> @15°C)	Condensate 'CRW' Allowance (SCDN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Condensate 'CRW' Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> @15°C)	Bitumen Floor Price (SCDN/m <sup>3</sup> )
Jan	1.24270	42.53	0.94	1.92	923.4	512.69	737.7	173.35
Feb	1.25860	37.72	0.95	2.22	921.8	478.77	736.6	171.11
Mar	1.29320	35.53	0.96	2.46	921.8	513.49	733.6	180.16
Apr	1.27330	40.47	0.98	2.60	922.0	556.36	736.8	171.78
May	1.28730	53.25	0.99	2.92	924.7	574.42	737.1	208.28
Jun	1.31290	52.10	0.99	2.98	930.3	549.84	743.4	212.72
Jul	1.31300	52.83	0.99	2.96	932.2	564.63	737.0	263.93
Aug	1.30410	48.55	0.98	3.02	935.1	532.13	744.5	217.59
Sep	1.30370	40.37	0.97	2.70	934.8	552.34	741.5	242.08

Production Month 2018	Oil Sands Par Price (SCDN/tonne)	Third Party Disposition Threshold	Deemed Quality Adjustment (SCDN/m <sup>3</sup> )
Jan	15.61	40.00 %	4.34171
Feb	12.81	40.00 %	4.34171
Mar	10.30	40.00 %	4.34171
Apr	12.73	40.00 %	4.34171
May	25.27	40.00 %	4.34171
Jun	26.48	40.00 %	4.34171
Jul	26.92	40.00 %	4.34171
Aug	23.77	40.00 %	4.34171
Sep	15.37	40.00 %	4.34171
Oct		40.00 %	4.34171
Nov		40.00 %	4.34171
Dec		40.00 %	4.34171

