

Action No. 9904 00198

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

BETWEEN:

WAYNE PENSON AND LAUREL PENSON
Applicants

and

THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BOARD
DAVID LLOYD AND TALISMAN ENERGY INC.
Respondents

RULING ON SPECIAL CHAMBERS APPLICATION OF THE HONOURABLE
MR. JUSTICE J.S. MOORE

June 18, 1999

Grande Prairie, Alberta

Proceedings held in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta at
the court house in Grande Prairie, Alberta

The Honourable J.S. Moore	Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
D. Carter, Q.C.	For the Applicant
Andrew C.L. Sims, Q.C.	For the Respondent The Environmental Appeal Board
Maureen A. Harquail, Ms.	For the Department of the Environment
Alan S. Harvie, Esq.	For the Respondent Talisman Energy Inc.

THE COURT: I want to thank all counsel for their important submissions, and sometimes important submissions do take a lot of paper. These did, and I joked about it this morning (about the amount of paper) but it was relevant and important and well done.

In addition to the written submissions which came in long before today, the submissions of counsel today were very helpful. It is not a very long period of time in court for the submissions of four lawyers to be properly dealt with, and if my interruptions caused some problems I apologize. But I had to try in a hurry to get to the gist of the matter.

This is not an easy matter. It is a very interesting matter. These proceedings are on tape, so it is not a secret to anyone what my concerns were. Anybody can get a transcript of these proceedings by ordering it. So I am not going to go into "bunching" reasons right now. I

think the reasons are self-evident.

I am awarding certiorari, and that means that the matter of costs goes back for a hearing. I will find out from counsel what else I should say about that (whether should say it be held within a certain time limit, or things of that nature).

I want it to be in "bold" or "underlined" that I do not consider this hearing a test case. My decision today is based only on the fact situation that is in front of me today and the law that applies to that fact situation. I hope that no one takes from my granting of certiorari that the Board, in its ordinary day to day hearings, will do much differently from what the Board feels it should do. In other words, I respect the prohibitive clause.

However, there are times, there are days in each of our lives, mine included, the panel's, where something seems to go wrong for a particular fact situation. And that is what I conclude regarding this particular fact situation. The total denial of costs based upon the reasons given by the panel make it patently unreasonable. And that is the test.

This decision should not be considered a precedent decision for anything.

Do I say more than just sending it back? Do I say it should be heard this year, by October 15 or something? Do I have to do anything like that?

MR. CARTER:

I am not seeking any further

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direction.

THE COURT: Time limits? Mr. Sims? What is usual?

MR. SIMS: Well customarily, I suppose, the Board would seek the party's advice as to whether they wanted an oral hearing or submissions.

THE COURT: That is no part of my job.

MR. SIMS: No. You said to go back for a hearing. I think that as long as your Lordship's reasons make it clear that the exchange of submissions would be sufficient. If that is acceptable to the parties or the Board thinks it is appropriate, that would be fine. This Board holds both oral and paper hearings regularly so --

THE COURT: Today you represent the Board, Mr. Sims, do you?

MR. SIMS: Yes.

THE COURT: Everybody is gathered here today. Although it is not part of my real job, I think my real job ended a couple of sentences ago - just because you are all here we could discuss how it might be. I could leave the room while you discuss that and let the tape recorder stop. I am just thinking of saving costs. Everyone is right here.

MR. CARTER: Let me say this. I think it is a matter that we can discuss amongst ourselves, so I am not requiring anything further from the court.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CARTER: And I am not insisting that the order direct an oral hearing before the Board. That is something we can discuss.

MR. SIMS: I think the Board is adequately equipped to deal with that, My Lord. The only other issue I would like to make clear, if you would assist the Board that way, is this: costs almost always have to be dealt with by the panel that heard the case, just like a judge. So if you would direct that it go back to the panel rather than the Board?

THE COURT: That is Mr. Sim's application. You have to respond to it.

MR. SIMS: I don't feel strongly either way. I think you can appreciate, My Lord, that if it were to be sent back to a different panel they don't have the texture of the hearing.

THE COURT: They would have to do a lot of extra work going through the --

MR. SIMS: And that is very difficult to do without seeing the demeanour of witnesses and appreciating the thrust and parry of the day.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CARTER: Okay.

THE COURT: Ms. Harquail?

MS. HARQUAIL: I have nothing, sir.

MR. HARVIE: Nothing further, sir.

THE COURT: Nothing for you?

MR. SIMS: It is simply as long as those issues are actually left open, all that I worry about is that there not be a dispute about what your order is.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SIMS: And if it is open that it will go back to the Board to be set in front of a panel I would presume it will be the same panel, assuming they are all alive and well; although occasionally I have had Boards where they are not.

THE COURT: Oh, sure.

MR. CARTER: Maybe this will solve the problem. I will go on record as saying that I am not insisting directly that a different panel hear the matter. I will leave that up to the Board's decision administratively as to what members hear it, so I am not requiring any order from this court to direct a different panel. It could very well be the same panel. Is that good enough?

MR. SIMS: My friend is gracious in that. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay. Nothing further?

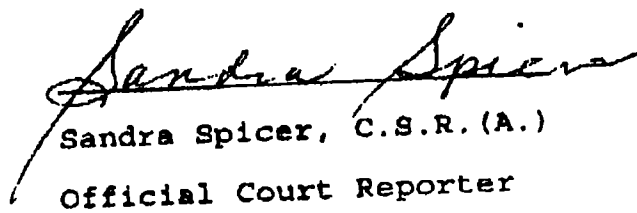
MR. CARTER: Thank you, sir.

PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIPT

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing pages, 1 through 5 inclusive, are a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings taken from tape recording to the best of my skill and ability.

Dated at the City of Grande Prairie, in the Province of Alberta, this 23 of June, A.D. 1999.


Sandra Spicer, C.S.R. (A.)
Official Court Reporter

I hereby certify this to be a true copy
of the original Order,
Dated this 18th day of June, 1999
for Clerk of the Court

**IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**

**IN THE MATTER OF A COST DECISION OF THE ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BOARD DATED OCTOBER 5, 1998
WITH RESPECT TO APPEAL NO. 98-005-C**

Between:

WAYNE PENSON and LAUREL PENSON

Applicant

- AND -

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BOARD,
DAVID LLOYD and TALISMAN ENERGY INC.**

Respondents

Before the Honourable Justice
J.S. Moore, in Chambers Law Courts
Building, in the City of Grande Prairie,
in the Province of Alberta.

On Friday the 18th day of June, 1999.

ORDER


**UPON THE APPLICATION of Wayne Penson and Laurel Penson for an order setting
aside the costs decision of the Respondent, Environmental Appeal Board (Alberta) dated October
5, 1998 concerning Appeal No. 98-005-C;**

**AND UPON HAVING heard Counsel for the Applicant, Wayne Penson and Laurel
Penson, Counsel for Talisman Energy Inc., Counsel for David Lloyd and Counsel for the
Respondent, Environmental Appeal Board;**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

1. The costs decision of the Environmental Appeal Board dated October 5, 1998, concerning appeal No. 98-005-C, is hereby quashed and set aside.


Entered this 1 day of Dec, 1999.

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A.C.Q.B.A. 

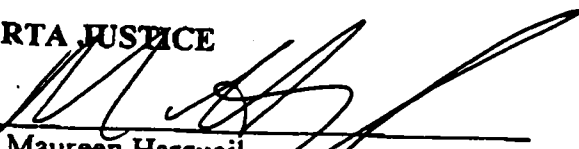
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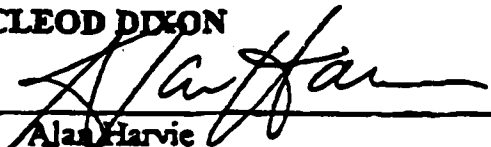
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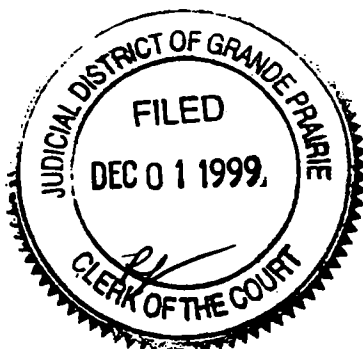
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By way of telephone conference with the
Honourable Justice J.S. Moore, in the
Law Courts Building, in the City of
Grande Prairie, in the Province of
Alberta.

On Thursday the 19th of August, 1999.

ORDER

UPON THE APPLICATION of Wayne Penson and Laurel Penson for an order
determining responsibility for costs on a ruling of special chambers application of the
Honourable Mr. Justice J.S. Moore heard on Friday, the 18th of June, 1999, concerning Appeal
No. 98-005-C to the Environmental Appeal Board (Alberta);

AND UPON HAVING heard Counsel for the Applicant, Wayne Penson and Laurel
Penson, Counsel for Talisman Energy Inc., Counsel for David Lloyd and Counsel for the
Respondent, Environmental Appeal Board;

Handwritten notes:
I hereby certify this to be a true copy
Order
P. Penson
for Client of 11/2/99

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

1. Costs of the Special Chambers Application are awarded to Wayne Penson and Laurel Penson;
2. Costs are fixed in the sum of two thousand, four hundred (\$2,400.00) dollars plus any reasonable disbursements with respect to the Special Chambers Application; and
3. Costs are to be paid equally by Talisman Energy Inc and David Lloyd.

Entered this 1 day of
December, 1999.

"Paul With Seal of Court"
J.C.Q.B.A.

WA. SMITH
Clerk of the Court of Court

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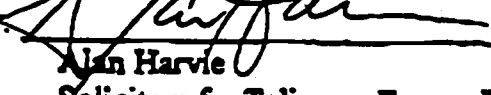
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