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<u>Volumetrics – Introduction of the VME0010 error</u> <u>for the Province of Saskatchewan</u>

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Audience: All Saskatchewan Users

Purpose: To inform Industry that the Ministry of the Economy

(ECON) has implemented volumetric non-compliance error VME0010. This error is similar to the VME0010 error that currently exists in Alberta and applies to

specific facility subtypes.

Background: ECON had previously introduced the VME0041

warning error to advise Industry that gas must be reported at a well when oil production of greater than 15.0m3 has been reported. An analysis indicates that

there are still many instances of oil production exceeding 15.0m3 with no gas reported and in addition, there are many instances where oil

production exceeds 50.0m3 with no gas reported. As a result, ECON is implementing the chargeable VME0010 error which will apply at the facility level.

Key Messages: The VME0010 error will be generated at the facility

level when the TOTAL volume of gas production and gas storage recovery is zero and the TOTAL volume of oil production and condensate production is greater than or equal to 50.0 m3. Error VME0010 will apply

to the following facility subtypes:

- 1. Crude Oil Multiwell Swab Group Battery (314)
- 2. Crude Oil Multiwell Group Battery (321)
- 3. Crude Oil Multiwell Proration Battery (322)
- 4. Heavy Crude Oil Multiwell Group Battery (326)
- 5. Heavy Crude Oil Multiwell Proration Battery (327)

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6. Thermal In-Situ Battery (344)

The error will be effective immediately. As a result, all VME0010 errors that are unresolved as of the volumetric reporting deadline for the July 2016 production month will be subject to a \$100.00 penalty. If an operator amends any volumetric data for a prior month which generates the VME0010 error, a penalty will also be assessed.

To allow time for Industry to familiarize themselves with the new error, a one month shadow billing period is being implemented. Live billing will commence for any VME0010 errors that are unresolved as of the volumetric reporting deadline for the August 2016 production month.

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