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P.H.S. Lunch and Learn Meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Drilling Concessions and the Public Interest: A Canadian Response

This talk is based on a paper presented at the International Economic History Congress in Helsinki in August 2006 and concerns the novel approach that the Government of Alberta quickly put in place following the Leduc discovery in 1947 to lease exploration and drilling rights to Crown lands. This system of Crown Reserves, as instituted in Alberta, had a huge impact upon the way the oil and gas industry developed in the province and was widely copied elsewhere.

Professor Dr. David Breen of the University of British Columbia specializes in Canadian history. He won the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Petroleum History Society in 1996 for his professional scholarship and dedicated investigation into the history of Canada's petroleum industry. He was also the recipient of the P.H.S. Article of the Year Award in 2004 for his work on the Atlantic #3 blowout. A man of many interests, another teaching and research focus is the Canadian West in the nineteenth century, in connection with which he wrote an award-winning history of Canadian ranching: "The Canadian Ranching Frontier (1874-1924)", published by the University of Toronto Press in 1984. He will soon be stepping down as the Chair of the Department of History at U.B.C.

TIME: 12 noon, Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

PLACE: Fairmont Palliser Hotel (133 - 9th Avenue S.W.) – Leduc Room (check marquee)

COST: Members \$30.00 and Guests \$35.00 (most welcome) (cash or cheque only)

**R.S.V.P. if you wish to attend to: Clint Tippett, 691-4274 or
clinton.tippett@shell.com by noon Monday, May 14**

Individuals who indicate that they will be attending but do not materialize will be considered "no shows" and **will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon.**

Individuals who do not R.S.V.P. cannot be assured of seating.

We apologize for the need to implement these policies but we are finding it necessary to optimize both the financial and operational aspects of our luncheon program. Thanks.