Planning for the Future An Integrated Approach to Field Development Planning

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Presentation Objectives

To demonstrate the need for an integrated approach to field development planning





Key Messages

- A well thought out field development plan (FDP) can add value to a project, could be the difference between success and failure
- An integrated approach is needed:
 - Understand the Resource: It all starts with the rocks
 - Understand the Markets: How to profit from the resource
 - Assess the Infrastructure: Link between Resource and Markets
- We will show you the benefits of an integrated FDP





Why Create a Field Development Plan?

- Inter-related uncertainties
 - Understand Reservoir, Infrastructure and Markets
 - Recognize the risks and uncertainties within each
 - Recognize the inter-dependencies between each
- It's Complex
- \$\$ Billions of investment are often required; a good FDP can mean the difference between success or failure





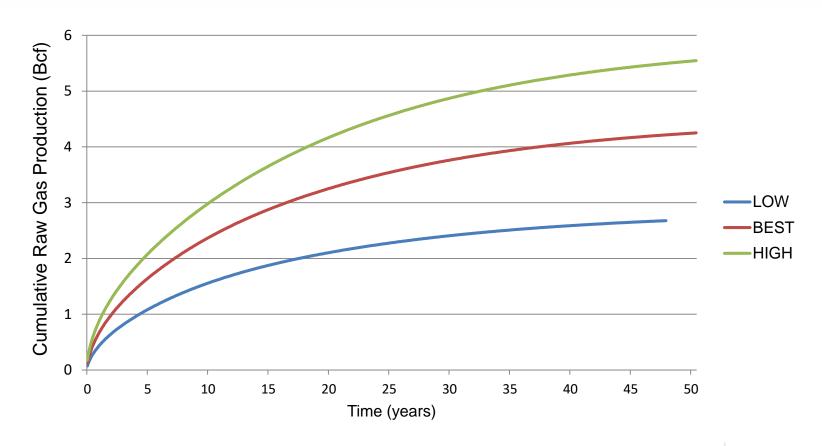
Understand the Resource

- Unconventional reservoirs are driving industry growth
- Many uncertainties related to:
 - Short and long term productivity type curve development
 - Composition
 - Heterogeneity
 - Well spacing and depletion strategy
 - Cost to develop and produce
 - Surface constraints, environmental issues, etc.
- Uncertainties must be recognized and accounted for





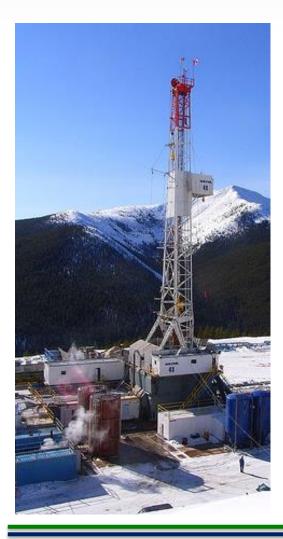
Type Curves Bracket Uncertainty







Understand the Markets



- Paradigm Shift in North America
- Natural gas glut
- Collapse of commodity prices
- Markets are demand constrained



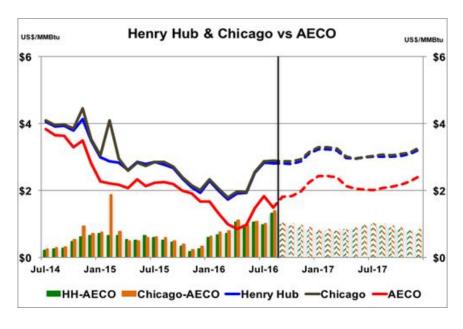


Understand the Markets

- Understanding the future outlook for gas and NGL markets is a critical step in determining what infrastructure is required and what markets to sell into.
 - Sales Gas
 - AECO (TCPL) vs Alliance (Chicago)
 - NGL's
 - · High recovery vs low recovery
 - Pipeline take away specification
 - TCPL vs Alliance
 - C3+ delivered to Pembina (Ft Saskatchewan frac) vs Alliance vs fractionate in the field

Natural Gas Prices

- Western Canadian gas prices remain significantly discounted to US prices
 - Transportation costis >\$US 1.00/mmbtu
- We are a price taker because our main market is the U.S.



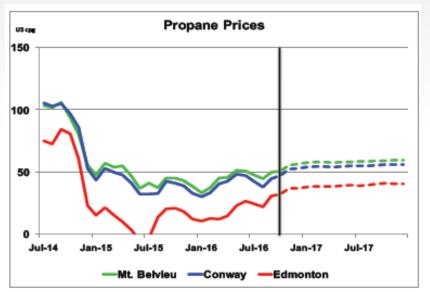
Source: GPMi NGL Report

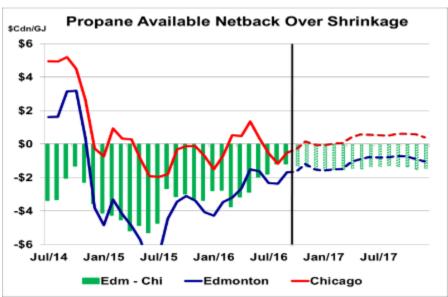




Propane Netbacks

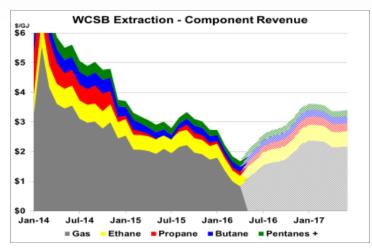
- Negative propane netbacks at Edmonton after fractionation and transportation
- The uplift from Edmonton to anywhere else is large

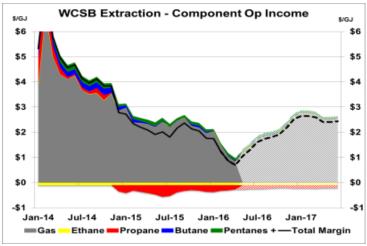




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Revenue and Operating Margins





- Methane is still the largest revenue and margin component
- Ethane is near breakeven.
- Propane is deep underwater
- Butanes and pentanes+ are profitable in Alberta
- The best strategy now is to dump ethane and propane into the gas





Source: GPMi Monthly NGL Report

Revenue and Operating Margins

- The reality is that the US no longer needs Canada to supply gas and NGLs
- This is a fundamental, permanent shift
- The glut will last until we develop alternative markets





Egress Considerations

- Surplus of liquids flowing into the Edmonton hub
- Option to Deliver NGL's to Alliance
- Access to both require large take or pay commitments
- NGTL has also asked for firm export commitments
- Difficult to commit to above with reservoir and pricing uncertainties





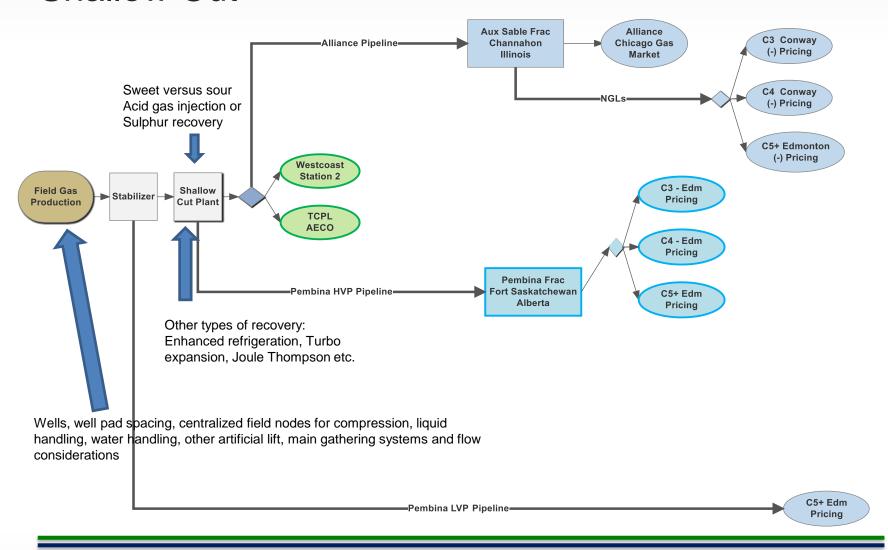
Understand the Infrastructure

- Types of Infrastructure
- Typical Configurations
- Alternative Egress Options
- Staged Modular Development
- Commercial Options
 - Fee versus ownership
 - Firm versus interruptible access to capacity
- Cost and Timing Uncertainty





Shallow Cut



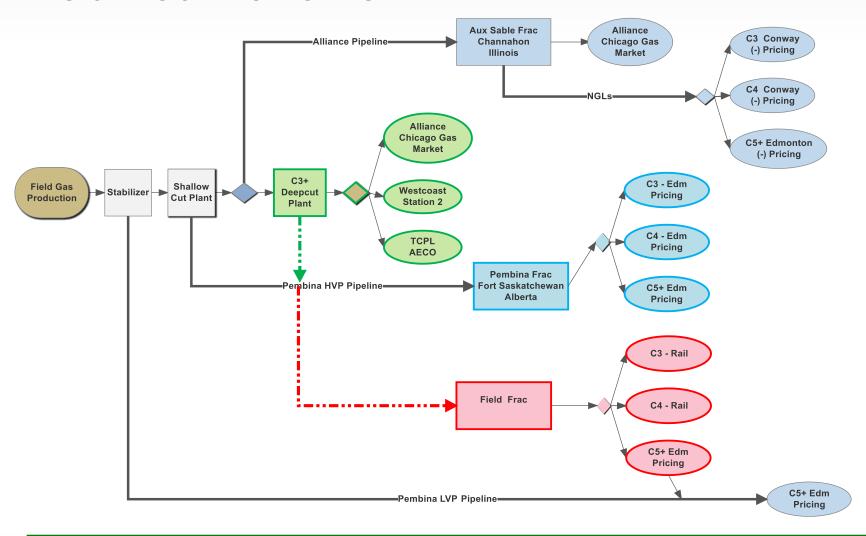
Field NGL Fractionation vs Pembina system

- Field NGL fractionation provides access to NGL markets other than Edmonton
- Western Canadian propane is severely discounted to Mount Bellvue and Conway
- Western Canadian propane & butane has a cost advantage serving the Pacific rim over the US
 - Future LPG markets should be off the BC coast





Field Frac Alternative

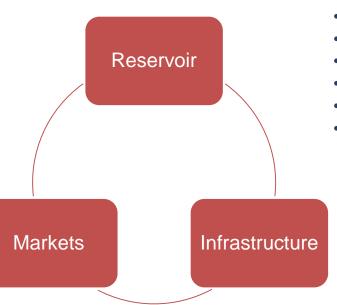


Field Development Planning

An integrated business plan from Reservoir to Market



- Market Analysis
- Commercial Arrangements
- Long Term
 Commitments



- Reservoir to Wellhead
- Mineral Rights
- Geology
- Prospectivity
- Productivity
- Reserves and Resource Potential

- Wellhead to Plant
- Infrastructure
- Commercial Arrangements
- Area Potential

Characteristics

- Updated periodically
- From cradle to grave
- Understanding of uncertainty/risk/opportunities/options
- Robust economics, responsive to change, ability to adjust pace and scope

Why an Integrated Approach

- Reservoir, Infrastructure and Market considerations are inter-related
 - Starts with reservoir uncertainty on volumes, rates, and compositions
 - Coupled with market egress uncertainty on securing capacity for uncertain product volumes into the future
 - All of which creates uncertainty regarding the optimal size, cost, type and timing of gathering and processing infrastructure
- An integrated approach ensures all inter-related components are explicitly recognized and addressed





Duvernay FDP Case Study

- Evaluated Reservoir: Low, Best, and High production cases were estimated
- Considered Egress Options: taking into account reservoir uncertainty
- Various infrastructure development options considered

Scenario 1: Full Upfront Build

 Build based on the High case prediction of reservoir performance

Scenario 2: Staged Build

 Build in stages, allow for future expansion if needed

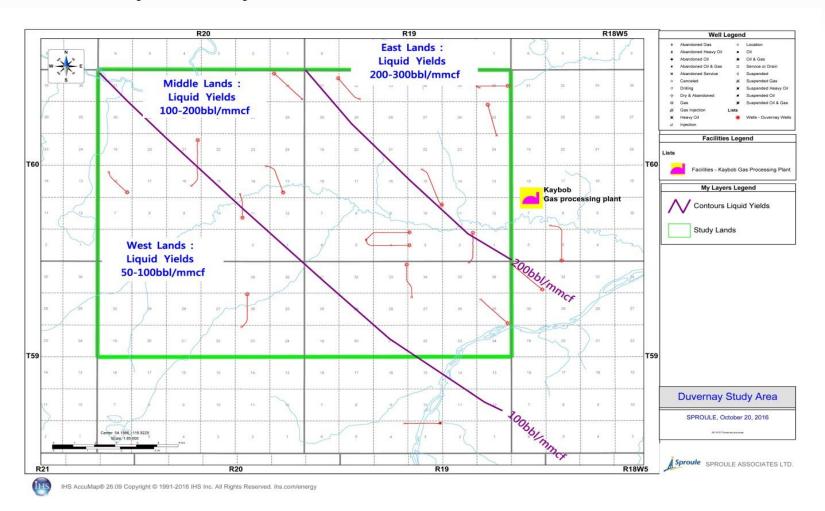
Scenario 3: Staged plus 3rd Party

 Staged development, include 3rd party volumes

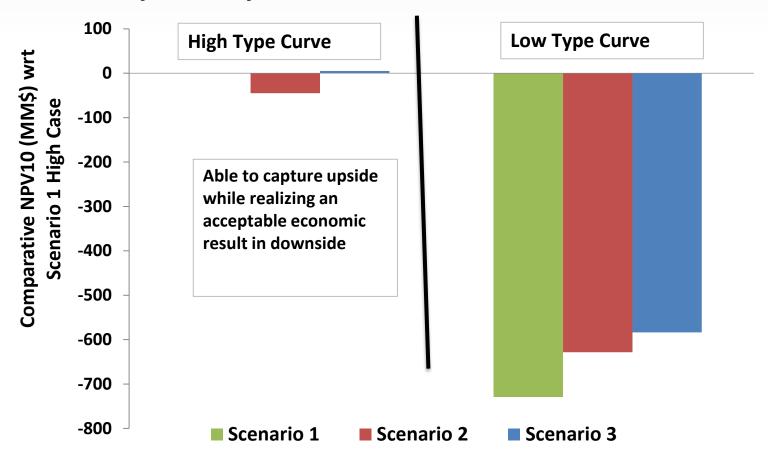




Duvernay Study Area



Duvernay Study Results







Summary Field Development Plans

- It's Complicated but required and doable
- An integrated approach is required
- Uncertainties are always present, but the impact can be mitigated
- Many other factors must be considered, some are unique to each development situation
- A well thought out FDP can be the difference between success and failure of a project





Questions





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