Spectra Energy Secures Horn River Producers

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In mid-March, Spectra Energy Corp announced it had received firm customer commitments of 760 million cubic feet per day for gathering and processing capacity from seven producers operating in the Horn River basin. These commitments sup- port Spectra Energy's plan to expand gathering and processing capacity in Fort Nelson, British Columbia, to accommodate as much as 830 mmcf/d of incremental gas from the Horn River producers.

"Our plan involves staged expansions of our existing Fort Nelson area infrastructure to meet the scale, scope and timing of our customers' needs," says Greg Ebel, President and CEO, Spectra Energy Corp. "We are responding to customer requirements to connect this important new supply source to southern and eastern markets by making optimal use of existing area infrastructure, thereby minimizing the need for new land and potential effects on the environment."

The multi-phased expansion program would commence in 2009 and continue into 2012, and would include the reactivation of existing processing capacity at the Fort Nelson Gas Plant, looping and reconfiguration of area gathering and compression, and the addition of new processing capacity at Spectra Energy's existing Cabin Lake compressor station. Discussions with other interested parties are continuing and construction of these facilities is subject to all customary regulatory and other approvals.