



**ORDER MO-08-2000**

**IN THE MATTER OF** sections 18 and 48(2.1) of the *National Energy Board Act* (the Act) and Section 17 of the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations 1999 SOR/99-294*

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association for an exemption from Section 17 of the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations 1999 SOR/99-294*.

**BEFORE** the Board on 28 April, 2000.

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association has requested specific exemptions from the requirements of Section 17;

**AND WHEREAS** the National Energy Board has determined that granting an exemption permitting the use of other than radiography and ultrasonic inspection techniques, where applicable, would not compromise the safety of the public, or of the employees of the company; or cause a detriment to property or the environment;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** all pipeline companies subject to the jurisdiction of the National Energy Board are exempted from the provisions of Section 17 of the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations 1999, SOR/99-294* subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Where a company conducts welding on a pipeline, the company shall nondestructively examine the entire circumference of each weld using:
  - a) a radiographic or ultrasonic method; or
  - b) another appropriate nondestructive examination method if a radiographic or ultrasonic method is not practicable in the particular circumstances.
2. Companies shall document the methods used and the inspection results.
3. The use of a visual method as a means of non-destructive examination is not permitted under the terms of this Order.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel L. Mantha'.

Michel L. Mantha  
Secretary