



TRANSITION OF EXISTING ROADS TO OGAA ROAD PERMITS

TO: Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 2013

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is transitioning existing roads to Oil and Gas Activity Act (OGAA) road permits in stages. During the transition phase, the Commission's first priority will be to contact operators of Petroleum Development Roads (PDRs) and those operating roads authorized by the Commission under the Land Act. Operators will receive a letter from the Commission regarding these types of roads and will be required to respond in order to transition to OGAA road permits.

Letters for Land Act roads have already been distributed and letters for PDRs will be distributed in the near future.

The Commission is currently establishing a transition process for existing non-status roads – roads currently being used for oil and gas operations that are not tenured – to an OGAA road permit. This process is expected to be established later this summer and will be communicated by way of a Commission Industry Bulletin and the Road Permit Application and Operations Manual.

BACKGROUND:

On March 22, 2013 the Commission released [Directive 2013-01](#) regarding the implementation of the [Oil and Gas Road Regulation](#) (OGRR), a new regulation under OGAA, effective June 3, 2013.

As of June 3, 2013 all roads used for conducting oil and gas or related activities will be prescribed roads, with construction, maintenance, modification, road use rules, and deactivation requirements standardized, permitted and managed under OGRR, with few exceptions for maintenance on older roads.

Appendix I in [Directive 2013-01](#) provides a table outlining the transition requirements under OGRR for various categories of oil and gas roads. No new permit application fees are in effect at this time.

OGRR will be utilized until the Natural Resource Road Act (NRRA) and its associated regulations are in effect. The NRRA is currently under development.

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