



Final Report

Mission to Washington, D.C.

November 11 to 13, 2013

Overview

Premier Alison Redford travelled to Washington, D.C., from November 11 to 12, 2013 to build awareness of Alberta's commitment to responsible resource development and highlight the benefits of increased energy trade between the U.S. and Canada. The Premier was joined by the Honourable Cal Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, who stayed in Washington, D.C., for an additional day of meetings.

The mission successfully provided key U.S. decision makers, regulators, and senior environmental policy leaders with accurate and timely information on the oil sands and Alberta's environmental policies and performance. The types of meetings pursued were based on the Alberta Washington Office's on-the-ground expertise, advice from the Canadian embassy in Washington and consultation with the federal government.

Mission Objectives:

- Highlight the steps taken by the Government of Alberta to ensure the responsible development of the oil sands.
- Speak to regulators currently reviewing the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline application and confirm Alberta's view that the project is in the interest of both Canada and the U.S.
- Open a dialogue with senior environmental policy leaders within the Administration to share information regarding Alberta's approach to environmental policy and explore opportunities for ongoing collaboration and information exchange.
- Meet with elected leaders to discuss the benefits of North American energy integration and answer questions from legislators regarding Alberta's plans for market access and the nature of Alberta's resources.
- Highlight Alberta's concerns with mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (mCOOL) rules and encourage Congress to address the issue in the Farm Bill.

Results:

November 12, 2013

Premier Redford and Minister Dallas met with Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones, the U.S. official overseeing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL pipeline application. Dr. Jones is the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, at the Department of State. This meeting provided an opportunity to reiterate Alberta's support for the KXL pipeline and

provide information required to support the State Department's ongoing review of the project. The State Department provided an overview of the process going forward.

The Premier and Minister Dallas also held Alberta's first meetings with the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) since President Obama's 2008 election.

The CEQ coordinates U.S. Federal environmental efforts and works closely with agencies and other White House offices in the development of U.S. environmental policies and initiatives. The Chair of the CEQ is the principal environmental policy adviser to President Obama. Alberta's leadership on carbon capture and storage initiatives was a significant focus of discussion with the CEQ.

The Alberta delegation also met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe. The EPA is a leading implementer of U.S. environmental policies, and a potential collaborator with Alberta in developing shared approaches to managing environmental challenges.

These meetings were opportunities to review Alberta's commitment to responsible resource development and initiate dialogue regarding a shared approach to environmental management in the oil and gas sector. Both meetings created further opportunities for Alberta to engage with the Administration at a working level and to share information regarding the environmental management of growing North American oil and gas production. The Premier met with Representative Fred Upton (R-Michigan), Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Representative Lee Terry (R-Nebraska), Chair of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. This meeting focused on Alberta's commitment to working on responsible resource development as a part of an overall commitment to continued North American energy integration.

The Premier's meeting with Senator Mary Landrieu (D-Louisiana) focused on the benefits of connecting Alberta's heavy oil production with refining capacity on the Gulf Coast. It also offered an opportunity to review Alberta's efforts to achieve new market access and reiterate Alberta's desire to continue growing our energy relationship with the U.S. Following the meeting, the Premier and the Senator held a joint media availability.

Minister Dallas met with the Acting Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy. This meeting focused on Alberta's commitment to carbon capture and storage and initiating ongoing work related to reducing the environmental footprint of oil and gas development.

In the evening, the Premier hosted Senators Heidi Heitkamp (D-North Dakota), Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire), and Kay Hagan (D-North Carolina) to dinner at the Canadian Embassy. This offered an informal opportunity to answer questions about Alberta's approach to development and reinforced the importance of fostering a strong relationship with the U.S.

November 13, 2013

Minister Dallas conducted meetings with Representatives Jim Costa (D-California), who sits on the Farm Bill Conference Committee; Matt Salmon (R-Arizona), Chair of the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Kevin Cramer (R-North Dakota), Co-Chair of the Congressional Northern Border Caucus; and Tim Griffin (R-Arkansas). While all of the legislators expressed support for increasing market access for Alberta's energy resources, the meetings largely focused on mCOOL. Minister Dallas expressed Alberta's concern regarding U.S. implementation and encouraged the legislators to support a provision to address the issue in the Farm Bill currently under negotiation.

Delegation:

Honourable Alison M. Redford, QC, Premier

Honourable Cal Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations

Farouk Adatia, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier

Neala Barton, Director, Media Relations and Spokesperson, Office of the Premier

Brad Stables, Executive Assistant to the Premier

Jeff Henwood, Chief of Staff to Minister Dallas

International Travel Final Expenses

Expenditures by Participants	Amount
Travel (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees)	\$ 15,348.48
Accommodation (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	\$ 4,986.60
Meals (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	\$ 806.73
Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures)	\$ 210.42
Sub-Total	\$ 21,352.23
General Mission Expenditures	Amount
Receptions and Hosting (receptions, luncheons, dinners, and events that are hosted by the GoA that are specific to the mission and include meeting related costs for room rental, room rental for hosted events, food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, entertainment, flowers)	\$ 818.19
Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes translation of documents fees, publications, shipping charges, gifts purchased specifically for mission, Canadian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate charges for services provided to the GoA)	\$ 112.19
Sub-Total	\$ 930.38
Total Costs	\$ 22,282.61

News release :

[Premier to advance Alberta's interests in Washington](#) (October 29, 2013)