

Via Email

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Canadawww.aer.ca**Attention: Rick Palmer****Attention: Alison Koper, Counsel for Public
Lands**

Dear Mr. Palmer and Ms. Koper:

**Re: Regulatory Appeal Proceeding No. 1836909
Formal Disposition Application Refusal
Pipeline Agreement No. PLA 150406**

On behalf of the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) I acknowledge receipt of Ms. Koper's correspondence dated October 22, 2015 advising that the Public Lands Staff and Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) have agreed to a resolution agreement (Agreement) that resolves the concerns of CNRL. The Agreement requires the revocation of the Public Land's decision dated July 17, 2015 (Decision) for which CNRL sought regulatory appeal so that CNRL's application for a pipeline agreement can continue to be processed.

I note that the Decision meets the definition of an "appealable decision" as defined in section 36(a)(iii) of the *Responsible Energy Development Act (REDA)* as it meets the requirements in sections 211 and 212 of the *Public Lands Administration Regulation* and section 121(1) of the *Public Lands Act*. Under section 36(b)(i) of the REDA, CNRL is an eligible person and its regulatory appeal has not been dismissed. As the concerns of CNRL have been resolved through the Agreement, there is no requirement to hold a hearing into this regulatory appeal. I also note that the AER decision maker of the appealable decision is a party to the Agreement.

Therefore, pursuant to section 41(2) of *REDA*, the appealable decision is revoked and Pipeline Agreement No. PLA 150406 is reinstated for continued processing and determination by Public Lands as per its normal process.

Sincerely,

Alex Bolton
Chief Hearing Commissioner