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By Email Only

Rene Boutin
County of Wetaskiwin**Statements of Concern No. 32209, 32210, 32211, and 32212
Forden Energy Inc.
Applications No. 32152666, 32152689, 32152697, and 32152693**

Dear Mr. Boutin:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Applications No. 32152666, 32152689, 32152697, and 32152693. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the applications, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the applications. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your SOC.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The AER acknowledges the concerns regarding municipal taxes. As per the recently issued Government of Alberta *Ministerial Order 043/2023*, this concern is not applicable with respect to the review of the subject reclamation application and should be directed and addressed by the Government of Alberta Ministry of Municipal Affairs.
- The subject applications have been reviewed in accordance with the *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities* requirements, as such, the concerns regarding unreasonable risk relate to *Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licences and Approvals* and are out of scope of the current applications.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the applications. The AER has issued the applied-for Reclamation Certificates, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the Reclamation Certificates are attached.

All AER-regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the Reclamation Certificates if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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Attachments (4): Reclamation Certificates

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