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By Email Only

Russell Guenther

**Statement of Concern No. 32496  
West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd. (West Parkland)  
Application No. 32886809**

Dear Russell Guenther,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 32886809. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. 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:

- Regarding your concerns related to heavy equipment on peat soil, the AER notes that West Parkland has met all specifications within the Standards Council of Canada CSA Z662 - Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems for minimum depth of cover. In addition, the proposed pipeline will be installed at a depth of cover 1.2 meters to the top of the pipeline, which exceeds the depth of cover within CSA Z662 and the Pipeline Rules. Furthermore, West Parkland must comply with the rules, regulations and requirements set out in *Directive 56: Energy Development Applications and Schedules* as well as the Pipeline Act and Rules.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns related to property value, fire hazards and personal liability; however, these concerns are general in nature and there is insufficient information to determine if you would be negatively affected by the proposed project.

- Regarding operational concerns, you may contact the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file operational complaints should any arise.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for licence and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the licence is 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 licence 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](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,  
<Original Signed By>

Lane Peterson  
Director, Oil & Gas, Surface  
Regulatory Applications  
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Attachment (1): Licence

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