

## **2019 ABAER 011**

### **Trace Water Solutions Ltd. Proceeding ID 382 Alternative Water Hub Facility Application 1914582**

#### **Decision**

[1] The AER has cancelled the public hearing of application 1914582 because Trace Water Solutions Ltd. (Trace) has withdrawn the application.

#### **Application**

[2] Trace applied under *Directive 058: Oilfield Waste Management Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry* for a waste management facility licence to construct and operate a new alternative water hub facility in Legal Subdivision 12, Section 28, Township 76, Range 4, West of the 6th Meridian, about 23.4 kilometres southeast of the town of Spirit River, Alberta.

[3] The proposed facility would cover an area of 240 metres by 200 metres and include two truck off-loading stations, six truck loading stations, a tank farm consisting of 10 tanks, and a vapour recovery unit. This equipment would all be aboveground and operations would include trucking oilfield waste fluids to and from the facility. The facility would receive produced water, sour water, and fracturing flowback water generated from the upstream oil and gas industry; store and treat the water it receives; and return the treated water to market for reuse within slick water hydraulic fracturing operations.

[4] Six statements of concern were filed in respect of the application. Two of the filers withdrew their statements of concern after participating in the AER's alternative dispute resolution process. As a result of the remaining outstanding statements of concern, the AER decided to hold a public hearing on the application.

#### **Discussion**

[5] The AER issued a notice of hearing for the application on July 2, 2019.

[6] The AER panel of hearing commissioners assigned to the hearing received requests to participate in the hearing from B4 Farms Ltd. (Dimitri Boychuk and Marianne Boychuk), Pavilion Holdings Ltd. (Larry Horsman), George Albert and Georgina Albert, Ryan Squires and Danialle Squires, and Ervin Murray and Linda Murray. On August 1, 2019, the panel granted full participation rights to all of the request-to-participate filers.

[7] The AER issued a notice of scheduling of hearing on September 4, 2019. The public hearing was scheduled to begin on January 14, 2020, in Rycroft, Alberta, before hearing commissioners D. O’Gorman (presiding), C. McKinnon, and B. Zaitlin.

[8] On September 5, 2019, Trace filed a notice of withdrawal in respect of application 1914582. Pursuant to section 4(2) of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*, the AER authorizes the withdrawal of the application.

[9] Accordingly, the public hearing has been cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on September 13, 2019.

Alberta Energy Regulator

D. O’Gorman

Presiding Hearing Commissioner