

2026 ABAER 009

Proceeding 465

North 40 Resources Ltd.

**Regulatory Appeal of the Pooling Delineation Approval and Off-Target
Penalty Approval Issued to Canadian Natural Resources Limited**

Decision

[1] The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has discontinued the regulatory appeal because the parties have reached a mutually acceptable solution.

Discussion

[2] On July 28, 2025, the AER received a request for a regulatory appeal from North 40 Resources Ltd. under Part 2, Division 3 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and Part 3 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice (Rules of Practice)*, regarding the AER's decision to approve Canadian Natural Resources Limited's pooling delineation application 1956737 (requesting the amalgamation of the Wayne-Rosedale Lower Manville H pool and the Wayne-Rosedale Basal Quartz Q5Q pool) and application 1956738 for an off-target penalty on North 40's well at Legal Subdivision 16 of Section 15, Township 28, Range 19, West of the 4th Meridian. The AER granted the request for regulatory appeal on November 6, 2025.

[3] On December 17, 2025, a notice of hearing was issued.

[4] On September 4, 2026, a notice of scheduling of hearing was issued indicating that the public hearing would begin on September 22, 2026.

[5] On September 4, 2026, North 40 and Canadian Natural requested an abeyance of the proceeding until October 16, 2026. On September 9, 2026, the AER granted the abeyance.

[6] Concurrent with assigning a hearing panel to consider the regulatory appeal, the AER initiated a commissioner-led alternate dispute resolution (ADR) process under Part 1.1 of the *Rules of Practice*. A commissioner who was not assigned to the hearing panel led that process. North 40, Canadian Natural, and AER Regulatory Applications participated in the ADR process. On October 1, 2026, the hearing panel was advised by North 40 that the parties had identified a mutually acceptable resolution to the issues that arose in the proceeding and the panel was asked to discontinue the proceeding. The panel was made aware of the [resolution](#) that was reached through the ADR process whereby the off target penalty decision was revoked and the pool delineation approval was confirmed.

[7] Accordingly, the AER has discontinued the regulatory appeal, and cancelled the public hearing.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on October 8, 2026.

Alberta Energy Regulator

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