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May 29, 2018

Vanessa Bosworth

REPSOL OIL & GAS CANADA INC.

APPLICATION NO. 001-00411215

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31089

Dear Vanessa Bosworth:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about application no. 001-00411215. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment, or necessary, to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- You do not own the land on which the project is proposed.
- You are upstream of the point of diversion and it does not appear that you are directly and adversely affected by the applied-for diversion.
- The licence is temporary in nature. The Temporary Diversion Licence (TDL) is valid until March 2019 and includes a clause that will immediately terminate the TDL once a decision has been made on the term licence.
- All of your other concerns respecting the impact of the diversion on the Clearwater River are addressed by the existing regulatory requirements and conditions that have been placed on the licence 00411215 as detailed below.
 - The requested allocation is within surface water allocation limits set by the Government of Alberta (GoA).
 - The licence contains conditions that require Repsol to stop diversion of water when river flow rates are at or below seasonally low flow thresholds. Seasonal low flow thresholds are established for the

protection of the aquatic environment and are recommended and specified by GoA policies and guidelines.

- The licence contains monitoring conditions that require Repsol to monitor or measure the rate of flow of water in the Clearwater River at regular intervals during diversion.
- The licence contains reporting conditions that require Repsol to report to the AER the total volume of water diverted on a monthly basis.
- The licence contains conditions that require Repsol to investigate any complaints of surface water or groundwater inference that are accepted by the Director.
- The AER's fisheries biologist is satisfied with the fish screen plans provided in the application. Furthermore, the licence conditions ensure that Repsol follows design and installation criteria set in Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's *Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Fish Screen Guideline*.
- Respecting your concerns about monitoring and enforcing Repsol's compliance with regulatory requirements including the licence conditions, enforcement of requirements is done in accordance with the AER's Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework. More information on the AER's compliance program, inspections, audits and enforcement can be found at: <http://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>

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Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the application or that the AER should hold a hearing before making its 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.

If you have any questions, contact Kimberley Andrade at 780-642-9169 or e-mail kimberley.andrade@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Rob Borth

Director, Oil & Gas Authorizations

Enclosure (1): **(Licence)**

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