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By Email Only

Jeff Holmes (Mountain View County)

**Statement of Concern No. 32186
Tallahassee Exploration Inc. (TEI)
Application No. 00492288-001**

Dear Mr. Holmes:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 00492288-001. 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:

- The subject application is being reviewed in accordance with the *Water Act* - Temporary Diversion Licence (TDL) requirements. As such, your concerns regarding the applicant meeting *Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licences and Approvals* application requirements are out of scope of the subject application.
- You may contact the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints or compliance concerns regarding existing approvals. TEI is required to address all complaints if any arise regarding approval conditions.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding municipal taxes. However, this is outside of the AER jurisdiction for the subject application.
- The overall impact of the TDL is minimal, as the TDL is for a relatively small volume of water (5.68 m3) and is temporary in nature, as the approval would be valid for a limited term of one year from the date of issuance.

- Your concerns regarding truck traffic and having infrastructure capable of supporting truck traffic are outside of the AER jurisdiction. and should be directed and addressed by the appropriate Provincial or Municipal authority (Alberta Transportation or the associated County).
- You are located over 100 km from the proposed project location and have not sufficiently demonstrated how you may be directly and adversely affected by the approval of the subject application.

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.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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Attachment (1): Licence

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