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Charles Johnson

Attention: Daron Naffin

Attention: Alison Koper and Jeff Moore

**Re: Regulatory Appeal of Reclamation Certificate Application 001-00350699
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.
Location 11-09-83-13W6M
Proceeding ID 338**

Dear Counsel and Parties,

The panel confirms receiving the November 12, 2015, request from Mr. Charles Johnson to participate in the hearing of Regulatory Appeal No. 1837447 (Proceeding ID 338) and the subsequent responses submitted by Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) and the AER Reclamation Programs Group (RPG). The panel has asked that I convey their decision on the matter.

The panel has determined that the landowners on title, Charles Johnson and Patricia Johnson, are a party to and may participate in the hearing. All parties shall have the opportunity to participate fully in the hearing, including providing oral and written submissions, and questioning witnesses.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the AER should confirm, vary, suspend, or revoke its decision to refuse to issue a reclamation certificate.

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will hold a public hearing of Proceeding ID 338 at a venue in Grand Prairie, Alberta, starting on March 2, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. All parties must be present to register at the start of the hearing. The audio of the hearing will be streamed on the AER website. Further details about the location of the Grande Prairie hearing venue will be provided in due course.

Submissions

Written submissions must be filed in accordance with the filing dates below. Submissions must include all legal argument and documentary evidence each party intends to present or rely on at the hearing, including copies of expert reports, presentations, photographs, articles, videos, and any other evidence a party intends to present.

Submission Deadlines

Submissions must be filed on or before **1:00 p.m.**, on the dates below.

inquiries 1-855-297-8311
24-hour
emergency 1-800-222-6514

- January 26, 2016** Final date for submissions from CNRL.
- February 9, 2016** Final date for a response submission from RPG.
Final date for a response submission from the Johnsons.
- February 16, 2016** Final date for a reply submission from CNRL.

Submissions must be compatible with AER systems and should be PDF documents with bookmarks, page numbers (with the first page in the PDF document being numbered page one), and optical character recognition. Send one copy of your submission to all participants and one copy to

Jennifer Koppe, Hearing Coordinator
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Prehearing Applications and Motions

All prehearing applications to the AER must be made on or before 1:00 p.m. on February 23, 2016.

Additional Information

Documents submitted during the oral hearing will need to be submitted electronically to the hearing coordinator to allow the immediate display of the document on the viewing monitors. Paper copies should be provided to the hearing panel, AER counsel, and all parties participating in the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Koppe.

Yours truly,

Sean Sexton
Legal Counsel

cc. Jennifer Koppe, Hearing Coordinator
Fiona Leblanc, AER mediator