

Via Email

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Attention: Jeff Davidson

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Dear Counsel:

**Re: Requests for Regulatory Appeal by Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL)
Administrative penalties dated December 10, 2015
AER File No. 2013-044
Regulatory Appeal No. 1849424 (Regulatory Appeal)**

On behalf of the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), I acknowledge receipt of CNRL's requests for regulatory appeal dated January 8, 2016 and correspondence on behalf of Environment and Operational Performance group (EOP) staff dated January 22, 2016. Both parties agree CNRL is entitled to a regulatory appeal hearing.

By operation of 36(a)(i) and 36(a)(ii) of the *Responsible Energy Development Act (REDA)*, section 91(1)(n) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and section 115 of the *Water Act*, the decision to issue the administrative penalties meets the definition of an appealable decision and CNRL is an eligible person. Therefore, the AER shall conduct a regulatory appeal hearing.

Given the above, the AER has requested that the Chief Hearing Commissioner assign a panel to conduct a hearing into this matter.

Sincerely,

[original signed by:]

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