

By Email Only

June 7, 2016

Donna Dahm and Bob Plowman

Applications No. 1855595 and 1855822
Penn West Petroleum Limited
Statement of Concern No. 30229 and 30233

Dear Ms. Dahm and Mr. Plowman:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about the subject applications. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statements of concern, along with the applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the applications and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statements of concern.

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

- This is an application to drill two re-entry horizontal wells to produce bitumen from an existing surface pad located at LSD 04-19-082-17W5. No new lands will be used or taken up as a result of the applications.
- Ms. Dahm's lands and residence are located about 26.9 km northwest from the nearest well.
- Mr. Plowman's lands and residence is located about 28.5 km northwest from the nearest well.
- These wells will be located in the Peace River Area. Pursuant to *Directive 060 Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting*, there is no venting of gas permitted at any site in the Peace River Area.
- Regarding your concern about wetlands, the wells will be located on Crown land, and the potential impacts on water bodies would have been assessed at the time of the original Public Land Use application process, prior to the initial approval and construction of these wells.

- You have not provided information that demonstrates that you may use lands or other natural resources in the area of the wells or other locations that may be affected by the project, or that the kinds of impacts you are concerned with may result from the applications.
- The Township Road you reference in your statement of concern is more than 25 km away from the well sites and you have not specified nor is it clear how you or other residents near these roads might be impacted as a result of the Applications.
- The AER is satisfied that Penn West has met all consultation and notification requirements of Directive 056 that apply to you in relation to the application.

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Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by the applications for the well licences. The AER has issued the applied-for licences and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licences are attached. Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Development Act General Regulation*. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website www.aer.ca under Applications & Notices: Appeals.

If you have any questions, contact Judith Zatzek at 403-297-6932 or e-mail judith.zatzek@er.ca.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

Shelley Youens
Director, Infrastructure Authorizations (Oil and Gas)

Enclosures (2): Licences

cc: Kim Fraser, Penn West Petroleum Ltd.
AER Slave Lake Field Centre