

By Email Only

June 22, 2016

Ms. Donna Dahm

Application No. 1858162

Penn West Petroleum Ltd.

Statement of Concern No. 30328

Dear Ms. Dahm:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about the subject application. 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 and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

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

- This is an application to drill five wells on a multiwell pad on Crown land for the purpose of producing crude bitumen with 0% H₂S content.
- Your lands and residence are located 27.1 km northwest of the proposed location.
- 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 application.

- 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.

Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by the application for the well licence. The AER has issued the applied-for licence and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the license is 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.

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If you have any questions, contact _____ at _____ or e-mail_ _____.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Shelley Youens
Director, Infrastructure Authorizations (Oil and Gas)

Enclosure (1): Licence

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