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March 6, 2017

Donna Dahm and Bob Plowman

APPLICATION NO. 1877851 PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD. STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30468

Dear Ms. Dahm and Mr. Plowman:

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. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment, or necessary, to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

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

- You do not own lands on the pipeline right-of-way.
- The pipeline will be located approximately 6.9 km from Ms. Dahm's lands and 8.3 km from Mr. Plowman's lands.
- The pipeline will not be a source of emissions to the environment.
- Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (Penn West) must comply with a number of operational requirements and technical specifications in the design, construction, and operation of its pipeline, including the Pipeline Act, the Pipeline Regulation, the Canadian Standards Association CSA Z662: Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems, Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules and Directive 077: Pipelines— Requirements and Reference Tools, which are assessed by the AER at the time of application.

- The AER has reviewed the application and is satisfied that Penn West will meet existing requirements, and that these requirements address your concerns.
- The pipeline is located on Crown lands and all required dispositions under the *Public Lands Act* have been previously granted by the AER. Potential impacts on wetlands and water bodies were assessed during the land use application process.

 You have not provided information that demonstrates that you may use lands or other natural resources in the area of the pipeline or other locations that may be affected by the application, or that the kinds of impacts you are concerned with may result from the application.

Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by 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. 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 Energy 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, <a href="http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notices/appeals">http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notices/appeals</a>.

If you have any questions, contact or e-

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>
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Enclosure (1): Licence

cc: Jay Farrell, Penn West

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