

BY E-MAIL ONLY

July 5, 2017

Donna Dahm and Bob Plowman

**PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD.**

**APPLICATIONS NO. 1885047, 1885060, and 1885106**

**STATEMENTS OF CONCERN NO. 30730, 30733, and 30738**

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. 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:

- As parties with known concerns about energy development in the Peace River Area, you were notified of Penn West Petroleum Ltd's (Penn West) proposed applications and also received Public Notice of Application (PNoA). 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 applications;
- You do not own the property on which any of the projects/infrastructure have been proposed;
- The closest application to Ms. Dahm's lands are approximately 14.8 km from the nearest proposed projects/infrastructure;
- The closest application to Mr. Plowman's lands are approximately 16.4 km from the nearest proposed projects/infrastructure;
- You have not provided information that demonstrates that you may use lands or other natural resources in the area of the applications or other locations that may

be affected by the projects, or that the kinds of impacts you are concerned with may result from the applications;

- The proposed wells are on Crown lands, and no concerns were submitted toward the Land Use applications;
- The proposed projects are located in the Peace River Area. *Directive 084 Requirements for Hydrocarbon Emission Controls and Gas Conservation in the Peace River Area* is now in effect in and contains comprehensive requirements directing operators in the Peace River Area to eliminate routine venting, prevent nonroutine venting, reduce nonroutine flaring, conserve at least 95 per cent of all solution gas, reduce fugitive emissions, and minimize odours from truck-loading, truck-unloading, tank-cleaning, and tank-desanding activities. No venting or emissions are associated with the subject applications, and venting is not permitted in the Peace River Area as per *Directive 084*;
- The AER continues to monitor this area, and has noted Penn West is fully compliant with the requirements of *Directive 084*.

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Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the applications. 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 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, <http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notice/appeals>.

If you have any questions, contact Valeria Silva at 403-592-4157 or e-mail [valeria.silva@aer.ca](mailto:valeria.silva@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Enclosure (6): **Licences**

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