

BY E-MAIL ONLY

August 18, 2017

Donna Dahm and Robert Plowman

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**APPLICATION NO. 1893770 FROM OBSIDIAN ENERGY LTD. (FORMERLY  
PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD.)**

**TRACKING NO. 30815**

Dear Donna Dahm and Robert Plowman:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 13, 2017, in which you outlined concerns about the subject application. Your letter has been received after the deadline for filing statements of concern. The *Responsible Energy Development Act* and the *AER Rules of Practice* require you to file a statement of concern (SOC) within the deadline set out in the notice of application, unless the AER permits you to file the SOC late.

The AER has decided not to permit your late filing based on the following reasons:

- The notice of application was published on the AER's website and a copy was provided to you by the applicant.
- The notice of application was published on the AER's website and a copy was provided to you by Obsidian Energy Ltd. on July 14, 2017
- Your SOC was dated and received by the AER on August 13, 2017; the deadline to file an SOC for the subject application was August 11, 2017, at 4:00 PM.
- The deadline to file an SOC contained in the notice of application is established to create efficiencies and to allow the AER to make decisions in a timely manner.
- In determining whether to permit a late filing, the AER must balance fairness between the parties, recognizing the interests that are involved. This is a balance between making timely decisions for applicants and allowing concerned persons the opportunity to participate in the regulatory process.
- No request for an extension to file a SOC was received prior to the deadline.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Maric at 403-297-5292 or e-mail [Lynn.Maric@aer.ca](mailto:Lynn.Maric@aer.ca) .

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Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Rob Borth

Director, Oil & Gas Authorizations

Enclosure (1): **(Statement of Concern)**

cc: Leona Ballman, Obsidian Energy Ltd.  
Participant Involvement Coordination Team, AER,  
AER Slave Lake Field Centre