

BY E-MAIL ONLY

February 2, 2018

Secure Energy Services

**NEWALTA CORPORATION**

**APPLICATION NO. 1898203**

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30832**

Dear Darren Feist:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern on behalf of Secure Energy Services (Secure) about Application No. 1898203. 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:

- Secure does not hold the surface or subsurface rights related to the well application.
- The concerns are based on future injection and disposal activities, which are beyond the scope of the current application. Although the proposed well contemplates injection for disposal purposes, additional applications under *Directive 051: Injection and Disposal Wells – Well Classifications, Completions, Logging, and Testing*, and *Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs* will be required to authorize these activities.
- Secure will have the opportunity to raise concerns regarding reservoir capacity and injection well spacing through future applications filed by Newalta.
- Regarding your concern about consultation, the AER acknowledges that NewAlta Corporation did not include Secure in its *Directive 056* consultation and notification; however, Secure was able to file a statement of concern on this application. Newalta is expected to recognize Secure as a concerned party, and must include Secure in its participant involvement program for future applications in this area.

Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that Secure may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the application, or that the AER should hold a hearing before making its decision on 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, <http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notice/appeals>.

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If you have any questions, contact Lonny Olsen at 403-297-3513 or email at [Lonny.Olsen@aer.ca](mailto:Lonny.Olsen@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure 1: **(licence)**

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