

Proceeding 371

November 29, 2018

Dean Smith (By e-mail and
regular mail)

McLennan Ross LLP
Attention: Joann Jamieson

Alberta Energy Regulator,
Reclamation Programs Group
Attention: Sean Sexton

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Re: Regulatory Appeal 1909839
Reclamation Certificate No. 00389417-00-00
Location: 13-09-55-04W4M

Hearing Date:

The panel has decided to hold the hearing on June 19th 2019 with the following schedule for hearing submission dates.

Mr. Smith Hearing Submission	April 3, 2019
CNRL Hearing Submission	April 24, 2019
RPG Hearing Submission	May 15, 2019
Mr. Smith Reply Submission	June 5, 2019
Deadline for motions	June 12, 2019
Hearing Start Date	June 19, 2019

The panel requests parties to provide hard copies of their submissions to Mr. Smith.

On October 26th, the hearing panel assigned to this proceeding issued a letter to parties and asked for their views on the hearing date. The letter set a deadline of November 9th, 2018 for responses.

Mr. Smith stated that due to intensity of his farming activities, attending a hearing in March will not be feasible for him.

Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) expressed that growing season should not be a factor in setting the hearing date. However, CNRL indicated that it would prefer a later hearing date which affords more time for the alternative dispute resolution process.

AER's Reclamation Program Group submitted that if it were to participate in the oral hearing, Reclamation Program Group's preference would be to set the hearing date after growing season. At this point, depending on the parties' submissions and evidence, it remains a possibility that the panel will require the Reclamation Program Group to attend the oral portion of the hearing.

After considering parties submissions, the panel has decided to hold the hearing on June the 19th, 2018 to accommodate the requests of different parties, while being mindful of the need for a fair, efficient and timely process.

Hearing Location:

The panel is considering holding the hearing in Vermilion Alberta. If Vermilion is not a feasible location for you, please provide your views about the location of hearing and your preferred location by 4:00 pm, December the 12th, 2018.

Hearing Duration:

The panel anticipates the hearing will require one to two days.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 403-297-7365 or hearing.services@aer.ca

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Elaine Arruda
Hearing Coordinator

cc: Alison Doebele, AER