

**Proceeding ID 385** 

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Hayduke & Associates Ltd. Bennett Jones LLP AER Authorizations
Attention: Michael Sawyer Attention: Sean Assie Attention: Alana Hall

RE: Regulatory Appeal 1921272
Pipeline Licence PL23800-99
Motion for Adjournment

## Dear Sirs and Madam:

On September 4, 2019, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) panel of hearing commissioners for the above noted proceeding (the panel) received a motion for adjournment of the proceeding from Shell Canada Limited pursuant to section 44 of the AER's *Rules of Practice*. The panel offered Mr. Judd, the regulatory appeal requester, and AER Authorizations the opportunity to comment on the motion by September 11, 2019. Authorizations responded that it takes no position on the motion and no response was received from Mr. Judd.

The panel has no evidence before it of any prejudice to Mr. Judd that would arise as a result of an adjournment of this regulatory appeal. As a result, the panel has decided that, in light of the transaction described in Shell's motion and the fact that the transaction is not yet complete and that the transfer of PL23800-99 must be approved by the AER, it is appropriate to grant an adjournment. However, the panel is not persuaded that an adjournment sine die is appropriate in the circumstances. In its grounds in support of its motion, Shell indicates that the transaction is expected to close by the end of the fourth quarter of 2019. The adjournment is granted until March 31, 2020, by which time Shell or the new holder of PL23800-99 must provide an update on the status of the transfer of licence PL23800-99 which may also include a request for an extension of the adjournment. For greater certainty, the adjournment includes the deadline for confirmation of participation in the hearing.

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Finally, and in addition, the AER must be given two weeks-notice prior to commencement of construction of the pipeline or any part of the pipeline that is the subject of PL23800-99 or undertaking any operations preparatory or incidental to the construction of the pipeline except for those activities identified in section 6(2) of the Pipeline Act.

For questions about the above, please contact me at 403-297-3232 or by email at hearing.services@aer.ca

Sincerely,

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