

**Via Email**

October 25, 2019

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. Alberta Energy Regulator  
In Situ South - Authorizations**Attention: Heather Sampson      Attention: Alana Hall, Legal Counsel**

Dear Mesdames:

**RE:    Request for Regulatory Appeal by Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL)  
Rejection of Application No. A10081833; Licence of Occupation (LOC) 180965  
Location: 03-27-065-05W4 to 16-21-065-06W4M  
Request for Regulatory Appeal No.: 1916881**

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has considered the submissions filed in regards to the above captioned matter and has determined that a hearing into the Regulatory Appeal be held as the legislative tests have been met.

CNRL's request for regulatory appeal relates to the rejection of an Application, in which CNRL is the proponent for the requested LOC.

By operation of section 121 (1) of the *Public Lands Act* (PLA), sections 211(c), 212 (1) and (2) of the *Public Lands Administration Regulation* (PLAR) and section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* (REDA), the tests for appealable decision and eligible person which entitle a person to a regulatory appeal have been met. In addition, the request for regulatory appeal was filed within the regulatory time limits and there are no reasons to dismiss the regulatory appeal request at this stage under section 39(4) of REDA. Finally, as CNRL's concerns have not been addressed through an alternative dispute resolution process or otherwise resolved by the parties, a regulatory appeal hearing must be held.

Given the above, the AER will be asking that the Chief Hearing Commissioner to appoint a panel of hearing commissioners to conduct a hearing of the Regulatory Appeal.

Sincerely,

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Meighan LaCasse,  
Legal Counsel