

June 15, 2021

By Email Only

Rosa Twyman
Regulatory Law Chambers

Statement of Concern No. 31954
Pioneer Pipeline Inc. (Pioneer) to ATCO Gas & Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO)
Application No. 1932780

Dear Rosa Twyman:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) on behalf of Western Export Group (WEG) about Application No. 1932780. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed the SOC, along with the application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in the SOC.

In our review of the concerns, we considered the following:

- It is the AER's understanding that the intent for these lines is to eventually transfer jurisdictions to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and that the AUC has already conducted Proceeding 25937 in relation to the concerns raised here with full participation by WEG. The concerns around revenue requirements, export capacity, and acquisition costs are therefore all outside the jurisdiction of the AER.
- The AER is satisfied that WEG received all application materials. The AER has reviewed the application and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of *Directive 006: Licensee Liability Rating (LLR) Program and Licence Transfer Process*.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for approval, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval is attached.

All AER-regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance, the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out

more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here:
<https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the approvals if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions, please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Trevor Gosselin
Director, Transfers, SOC & Support
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Attachment (1): Approval

cc: Ryan Connery, Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd.
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