

February 18, 2022

By Email Only

Candace and Murray Ebeling

**Statement of Concern No. 32053**

**Vesta Energy Ltd. (Vesta)**

**Application No. 1935107**

Dear Candace and Murray Ebeling:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 1935107. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your 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 your SOC.

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

- You do not own the property on which the project is proposed.
- Regarding your concerns around notification, the AER notes that Vesta met the notification requirements as per section 3 of *Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules*.
- Regarding your concerns related to noise, Vesta will be required to comply with *Directive 038: Noise Control* and address any operational noise complaints that may arise. You may contact the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints.
- Concerns regarding traffic relate to matters outside of the AER's jurisdiction. These concerns should be addressed by Alberta Transportation or the municipality, as applicable.
- Regarding your concerns related to odours and emissions, the AER notes that there are no sources of flaring or incineration, and tank vapors will be captured by VRU. Additionally, Vesta is required to meet *Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting* for emissions. Vesta is required to address any operational complaints that may arise.
- Your concerns regarding the impacts to the environment are general in nature, and there is insufficient information to determine that you would be negatively affected. The AER notes that Vesta is required to follow all applicable environmental requirements and regulations.

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 license and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the license 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 licenses 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](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Attachment (1): License

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