

Proceeding 418

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Attention: Jason Pytlarz

Regulatory appeal by ORLEN Upstream Canada Ltd. of the AER's refusal of Reclamation Certificate 31344596 on November 29, 2021.

Dear Mr. Pytlarz:

The Alberta Energy Regulator has requested that I assign a hearing panel to conduct a hearing for regulatory appeal 1936577. The regulatory appeal was granted by the AER as a result of your request for regulatory appeal 1935284, dated December 16, 2021. A hearing will be held unless the request for the regulatory appeal is withdrawn. Hearings are led by hearing commissioners who are independent from the day-to-day operations of the AER. I assign one or more hearing commissioners to sit on hearing panels to decide matters sent to them by the AER. Their decisions may only be reviewed by the Court of Appeal of Alberta and they must adhere to the Hearing Commissioner Code of Conduct.

This is not a notice of hearing. Once a hearing panel is assigned they will decide any procedural matters related to the hearing such as issuing a notice of hearing. Before a notice of hearing can be issued the record of the decision maker must be compiled. Once the record of the decision maker is complete it will be placed on the public record.

For more information about the AER hearing process please see [Manual 003: Participant Guide to the Hearing Process](#). This manual provides an overview of the hearing process and tries to answer common questions. The requirements for hearings are set out in the [Responsible Energy Development Act](#) and the [Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice](#).

I may also assign a hearing commissioner who is not on the hearing panel to explore [alternative dispute resolution](#) (ADR) with you. The [ADR by Hearing Commissioner brochure](#) and [Manual 004: Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs and Guidelines for Energy Industry Disputes](#) have information on ADR. Parties may also request ADR.

Tara Wheaton is the Hearing Coordinator for this proceeding and will be your main point of contact during this process. If you have any questions, please contact Tara at 403-297-8288 or by e-mail at Hearing.Services@aer.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Bolton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex Bolton

Chief Hearing Commissioner

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