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By Email Only

Curt von Platen
Potts Petroleum Inc. (Potts)

Statement of Concern No. 32173
Transferor: Battle River Energy Ltd. (Battle River) to AC Gas Company Ltd. (AC Gas)
Applications No. 1941429, 1941430, 1941431, & 1941432

Dear Curt von Platen:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about the aforementioned applications. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the applications, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the applications. 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:

- The AER has reviewed the applications and is satisfied that Battle River and AC Gas meet the requirements of *Directive 088: Licensee Life-cycle Management (Directive 088)*.
- Potts Petroleum Inc. (Potts) concerns around AC Gas's ability to meet future financial obligations are general in nature and there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate how Potts would be directly and adversely affected by a decision on the proposed applications. Furthermore, the AER has reviewed AC Gas's financial capability and is satisfied that the concerns have been adequately addressed through the approval condition that AC Gas is to pay full security within 30 days of accepting the license transfer.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the applications. The AER has issued the applied-for approvals, and this is your notice of those decisions. Copies of the approvals are 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
Regulator Applications
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Attachment (1): Approvals

cc: Becky Verardi, Battle River Energy Ltd.
Chris Suddaby, AC Gas Company Ltd.
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