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By Email Only

George Pankiw

**Statement of Concern No. 32225
Nuvista Energy Ltd. (Nuvista)
Application No. 1942382**

Dear George Pankiw:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 1942382. 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:

- The AER acknowledges your concern regarding noise and the request that Nuvista install a sound barrier. An AER noise specialist has reviewed Nuvista's Noise Impact Assessment and notes that all requirements have been met. Additionally, Nuvista must comply with the requirements set out in *Directive 038: Noise Control*. Furthermore, Nuvista has proposed the installation of a sound wall directly to the east of the proposed project to reduce potential noise disturbance from the compressor toward your residence. As such, the noted concern has been addressed to the satisfaction of the AER.

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 licence, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the licence 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 licence 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>

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Attachment (1): Licence

cc: Derrick Stephensen, Nuvista Energy Ltd.
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