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By Email Only

Marc and Wendy Levasseur

Statement of Concern No. 32285
Veresen Midstream General Partner Inc. (Veresen)
Application No. 1948251

Dear Marc and Wendy Levasseur:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 1948251. 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:

- Veresen has applied to amend its existing sour gas processing plant.
- The AER acknowledges the concerns regarding noise; Veresen submitted a noise impact assessment (NIA) to ensure compliance with AER *Directive 038: Noise Control* (Directive 038). AER staff reviewed the NIA and have deemed it technically complete as per requirements set out in Directive 038. Additionally, AER staff confirmed Veresen meets the established maximum permissible daytime and nighttime noise levels in order to control unacceptable noise impacts from its facility. Therefore, concerns regarding noise have been addressed to the AER's satisfaction.
- In addition to the above, Veresen has committed to additional sound mitigation measures such as silencers, acoustic enclosures, and buildings. Veresen has also committed to doing pile driving between 7:30am and 6:00pm and will attempt to minimize the duration of pile driving. Veresen stated it is willing to accommodate reasonable requests to mitigate the effects of construction, recognizing that certain noise and other impacts from construction of this type of development are unavoidable. Should any operational noise concerns arise, Veresen will be required to address them.

- The concerns around flaring, and light are operational in nature, relating to the already approved site. These concerns are outside the scope of the current application. You may report operational complaints by contacting the AER Northwest Field Center or the Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514.

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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Attachments (1): Licence

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