

**Proceeding 413**

January 8, 2024

By email only

Imperial Oil Resources  
Attention: **Sam Ogali**Attention: **Jeremy & K. Terry Komives**AER Enterprise Reclamation Group (ERG)  
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Canada[hearing.services@aer.ca](mailto:hearing.services@aer.ca)**Re: Regulatory appeal of reclamation certificates 30832384 and 30833718 of lease sites located at NE9-18-47-27-W4M, and NE-10-18-47-27-W4M.**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) panel of hearing commissioners presiding over this proceeding (the panel).

On January 19, 2022, the panel received a request from Imperial to place the regulatory appeal process for this proceeding in abeyance until December 9, 2023. The parties had reached a settlement agreement but required time to complete the work contemplated under the settlement. ERG and Jeremy and Terry Komives consented to the extension of the abeyance.

The panel extended the abeyance of the proceeding until December 9, 2023, and requested an update at that time.

On January 4, 2024, Jeremy and Terry Komives advised there is a need for a further abeyance of the proceeding as site work and seeding occurred in fall 2023 and vegetation growth will be unknown until the summer or fall of 2024.

Also on January 4, 2024, Imperial stated that vegetation establishment will require until October 2025 to meet the relevant reclamation criteria. Imperial requests that the panel extend the abeyance of the proceeding until December 6, 2025.

ERG had no update to provide in relation to this matter and no concerns with the file remaining in abeyance.

The panel is persuaded that it is in the parties' interest to grant the requested extension and that it is consistent with the AER's mandate for the safe, efficient, environmentally responsible development of energy resources to preserve the Komives' right of appeal until further work on which the settlement is contingent has been completed.

The panel will extend the abeyance until **December 8, 2025**, and will require an update from all parties at that time.

Sincerely,

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