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By Email Only

Mr. Garry Matheson

**Statement of Concern No. 31951  
Rolling Hills Energy Ltd.  
Application No. 31185159**

Dear Mr. Matheson:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 31185159. 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:

- A Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) was conducted by Summit Liability Solutions Inc. on October 16, 2020, which concluded that the condition of the vegetation, landscape, and soil were comparable both onsite and offsite.
- The DSA indicated that all parameters of the *2010 Reclamation criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* were met.
- The Reclamation Criteria are applied “to evaluate whether a site has met equivalent land capability.” Given that the site meets the Reclamation Criteria, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and that your concerns have been addressed.
- Your concerns with respect to resolution to an off-site incident are not within the scope of the current reclamation application.
- Concerns with respect to trespass are outside the jurisdiction of the AER and can be addressed with the Surface Rights Board.

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 reclamation certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the reclamation certificate 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 reclamation certificate 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](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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Attachment 1: Reclamation Certificate

cc: Melissa Sandbeck, Rolling Hills Energy Ltd.  
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