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By Email Only

Bonnie Kneteman

Statement of Concern No. 32050
Bonavista Energy Corporation (Bonavista)
Application No. 31343161
Location: 14-22-053-16W5M

Dear Bonnie Kneteman:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 31343161. 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 on August 25, 2021, which showed the conditions of the vegetation and landscape met the parameters of the *2017 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsite and Associated Facilities for Peatland* (Reclamation Criteria).
- A site visit was conducted on August 24, 2022, wherein AER staff clarified with you that the clay was removed due to the requirements of the Reclamation Criteria and was not a result of contamination. AER staff did not find further issues related to contamination.
- To address the concerns regarding aesthetics, in September 2022 Bonavista planted additional trees along the site boundary to increase the aesthetic value of the site. Furthermore, Bonavista also installed a gate to access the site. Bonavista has committed to continuing to tend to the newly planted trees for 1-2 years after the reclamation certificate has been issued.

- If any new concerns or complaints for the site arise in the future, you are advised to have them addressed through the 25-year liability period for reclamation.

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 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 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.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Attachment (1): Reclamation Certificate

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