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By Email Only

Bobbi-Jo Sever

Statement of Concern No. 32122 Yangarra Resources Corp. (Yangarra) Application No. 31762070

Dear Bobbi-Jo Sever,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 31762070. 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:

- Your concern related to noise of the existing pumpjack is outside the scope of the proposed application and is operational in nature. Operational concerns can be addressed by contacting the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints.
- Regarding your concerns around the timing of the proposed project, Yangarra has agreed not to begin drilling until after August 15, 2022 and therefore the concern has been addressed to the AER's satisfaction.
- With respect to your weed concerns, the management and control of weeds on private land is outside the jurisdiction of the AER. Additionally, in correspondence dated July 16, 2022, Yangarra stated that the site has been previously sprayed for weeds and Yangarra has committed to working towards mitigating the concern. Yangarra also stated that the site has been included in its Ongoing Weed Control Program schedule and will be sprayed for weeds again this year.
- Your concerns raised related to compliance with private surface agreements are outside the jurisdiction of the AER.

• Regarding your concerns around notification, the AER notes that Yangarra met the notification requirements for this type of application.

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: <u>https://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process</u>.

If you have any questions please contact <u>SOC@aer.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Lane Peterson Director, Oil & Gas Surface Regulatory Applications /ek

Attachment (3): Licences

cc: Trish Olynyk, Yangarra Resources Corp. Val Silva, AER SOC Inbox, AER ADR Inbox, AER Field Operations West, AER