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AER proceeding 422 Regulatory Appeal 1941162

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By e-mail only

Attention: Denise Edinger and Daniel Edinger

Attention: **Bob Nitschke** and **Judy Nitschke**

Attention: Evelyn Presisniuk

Re: Regulatory appeal of Stacked Energy Ltd. Application No. 31762307 and Well Licence No. 0504829

Dear parties:

The Alberta Energy Regulator has requested that I assign a hearing panel to conduct a hearing for regulatory appeal 1941162. The regulatory appeals were granted by the AER as a result of your requests for regulatory appeal 1938679 dated July 14, 2022, and 1938682 and 1938683 dated July 17, 2022.

A hearing will be held unless the requests for the regulatory appeals are withdrawn. Hearings are led by hearing commissioners who are independent from the day-to-day operations of the AER. I assign one or more hearing commissioners to sit on hearing panels to decide matters sent to them by the AER. Their decisions may only be reviewed by the Court of Appeal of Alberta and they must adhere to the Hearing Commissioner Code of Conduct.

This is not a notice of hearing. Once a hearing panel is assigned they will decide any procedural matters related to the hearing such as issuing a notice of hearing. Before a notice of hearing can be issued the record of the decision maker must be compiled. Once the record of the decision maker is complete it will be placed on the public record.

For more information about the AER hearing process please see <u>Manual 003: Participant Guide to the</u> <u>Hearing Process</u>. This manual provides an overview of the hearing process and tries to answer common

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questions. The requirements for hearings are set out in the <u>Responsible Energy Development Act</u> and the <u>Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice</u>.

I may also assign a hearing commissioner who is not on the hearing panel to explore <u>alternative dispute</u> resolution (ADR) with you. The <u>ADR by Hearing Commissioner brochure</u> and <u>Manual 004: Alternative</u> <u>Dispute Resolution Programs and Guidelines for Energy Industry Disputes</u> have information on ADR. Parties may also request ADR.

Tara Wheaton is the Hearing Coordinator for this proceeding and will be your main point of contact during this process. If you have any questions, please contact Tara at 403-297-8288 or by e-mail at Hearing.Services@aer.ca.

Yours truly,

<original signed by>

Alex Bolton

Chief Hearing Commissioner

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