

April 5, 2024

By Email Only

Mr. Raegan Weiss

**Statement of Concern No. 32444
Cardinal Energy Ltd. (Cardinal)
Application No. 32662677**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 32662677. 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:

- Regarding your concerns about noise, Cardinal must comply with the requirements set out in *Directive 038: Noise Control* and the established maximum permissible daytime and nighttime noise levels. Furthermore, Cardinal has committed to use an electric driven pump jack to reduce potential noise disturbance from the wells to your residence. Cardinal will be required to address any operational noise complaints, should they arise. You may report complaints by calling the Emergency and Environmental Response line at 1-800-222-6514 or by contacting the AER Field Operations Northwest field center.
- The proposed project is not located on your lands and is approximately 400 m from your residence. Cardinal has obtained consent from the landowner and occupant of the proposed project location, and they have indicated a preference for the current proposed location.
- Cardinal has offered to move the lease 150 m south of the proposed location and to plant additional trees in the line of sight to shield your view of the proposed padsite; therefore, your concern has been addressed to the AER's satisfaction.

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: <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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Attachments (3): Licences

cc: David Pyo, Cardinal Energy Ltd.
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