

August 20, 2024

By Email Only

By: man... james-allyn: agent
Blue Smoke Fireworks Ltd. (Blue Smoke)

Statement of Concern No. 32503
Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline)
Application No. 32890361

Dear By: man... james-allyn: agent,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 32890361. 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:

- The AER acknowledges Blue Smoke's concerns regarding impacts to health, safety and the environment, however, the noted concerns lack a demonstrated degree of location or connection between Blue Smoke and the project. Blue Smoke does not own the land on which the project is proposed; the pipeline route will be approximately 0.9 km from Blue Smoke's lands; and Application No. 32890361 is an alternate route proposed by Tourmaline after consultation with Blue Smoke and other SOC filers in another application. The concerns raised in Blue Smoke's SOC do not demonstrate how Blue Smoke may be directly and adversely affected by the proposed project.
- The concerns regarding flaring and pigging are considered operational complaints and are out of scope of the current application. The Applicant is required to address all complaints if any arise in regard to application requirements and approval conditions. Blue Smoke may contact the AER

Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514 to file any complaints.

- Noise associated with construction of this pipeline will be temporary in duration and there are no additional long-term sources of noise related to the pipeline.
- Blue Smoke's concerns about the impact on their property value are general in nature, and there is insufficient information to determine that they would be negatively affected.

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>

Lane Peterson
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Attachments (1): Licence

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