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Brad Unterhofer
Jessica Yavis

Statement of Concern No. 33102
Obsidian Energy Ltd. (Obsidian)
Application No. 34087306

Dear Brad Unterhofer and Jessica Yavis,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 34087306. 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 concerns regarding cumulative impacts, light pollution, and road use are general in nature and there is insufficient information provided to determine how you may be directly and adversely affected.
- Furthermore, any concerns that arise during operations can be addressed by contacting the AER Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hour Response Line 1-800-222-6514.
- Regarding noise concerns, Obsidian must comply with all requirements outlined within *Directive 038: Noise Control* (D038). D038 establishes maximum permissible daytime and nighttime noise levels that Obsidian is required to meet in order to control noise impacts from the project. Obsidian will also be required to address operational noise complaints if any arise.
- Concerns regarding traffic are outside of the AER's jurisdiction and should be addressed by Alberta Transportation or the Municipality, as applicable.
- To address the concerns about water well impacts, Obsidian is required to meet the requirements set out in *AER Directive 008: Surface Casing Depth Requirements* and *Directive 009: Casing Cementing Minimum Requirements*. Obsidian has indicated that it may conduct pre and post drilling water well tests and sampling.

- The AER confirms that Obsidian's consultation and notification activities were conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined within *Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules* (D056) and notes that Obsidian exceeded the minimum requirements within its notification activities. D056 directs Obsidian to notify parties with known concerns of future infrastructure applications in the area.

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 licences, and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licences are 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 licences 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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Enclosures (3): Licences

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