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BY E-MAIL ONLY

September 7, 2019

Gordon and Aletha Johnson

**OBSIDIAN ENERGY LTD.**

**APPLICATION FOR RECLAMATION CERTIFICATE NO. 423321**

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31442**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Reclamation Certificate Application No. 423321. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the application, the 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 statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- A site visit was conducted on May 9, 2019 and AER staff concluded that the reclaimed wellsite area blends in well with the surrounding land. AER staff also confirmed that the well centre ties in with a permanently vegetated wetland area and concluded that your concerns related to the slough created on portions of the wellsite did not warrant re-disturbing the wetland area.
- Concerns regarding not being able to farm as close to the former well center as before relate to seasonal wet/dry cycles within the wetland system.
- The *2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* are applied to evaluate whether “a site has met equivalent land capability.” Given the findings during the site visit, the AER is satisfied that the site has met equivalent land capability and that your concerns have been addressed.

The AER has decided to issue the applied-for Reclamation Certificate and this is your notice of that decision. The reclamation certificate is attached.

Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation*. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website, <http://www.aer.ca/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions, contact Brad Dunkle by e-mail at [brad.dunkle@aer.ca](mailto:brad.dunkle@aer.ca)

Sincerely,

<Originally signed by>

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Director, Oil, Gas & Pipeline,  
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Attachment (2): Complaint inspection report  
Reclamation Certificate

cc: Craig Langford, Obsidian Energy Ltd.  
Jenna Werner, Vertex Professional Services Ltd.,  
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