

BY EMAIL ONLY

September 6, 2019

Mike and Faye Partsch

**TIDEWATER MIDSTREAM AND INFRASTRUCTURE LTD. (Tidewater)**

**APPLICATION NO. A10099088**

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31559**

Dear Mike and Faye Partsch:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 31559. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the company's 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 statement of concern.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- Application A10099088 is an application to extend the expiration date for the drilling and construction of five (5) previously approved but undrilled wells. No new disturbance, infrastructure, or operations beyond what has already been approved would result from the subject application.
- The wells were previously approved pursuant to application 1882653, wherein you submitted SOC No. 30715. The AER has previously considered the concerns you had raised about the wells, dismissed your concerns in writing, and provided reasons for those decisions.
- The application itself is administrative in nature, and majority of your concerns are operational in nature and not specific to the extension application. You have not specifically identified how you might be impacted by the AER's decision to extend the term of licences.
- The concerns raised do not explain or demonstrate how the approval of the extension will directly or adversely affect you.

- Your concerns about the potential for gas migration and leaks are addressed by existing AER requirements and are operational in nature. Once the wells are drilled and operational, you may submit an operational complaint to the Energy and Environmental Response Line at 1-800-222-6514 should any operational issues arise.

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 approval and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval 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 approval if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on our website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

If you have any questions, contact Megan Carfantan at [Megan.Carfantan@aer.ca](mailto:Megan.Carfantan@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Rob Cruickshank  
Director, Business Process

Enclosure (1): **(Approval)**

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