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December 16, 2016

Gail B. Gallupe, Kyle Harrietha, and Daniel Stuckless

**Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935
(McMurray Métis)**

**APPLICATIONS NO. OSE160006, 1869196, and 1869631 from IMPERIAL OIL
RESOURCES VENTURES LIMITED (IMPERIAL)**

STATEMENTS OF CONCERN NO. 29930 and 30425

Dear Ms. Gallupe, Mr. Harrietha, and Mr. Stuckless:

You are receiving this letter because you filed statements of concern about Applications No. OSE160006, 1869196, and 1869631. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statements of concern, along with the applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the applications and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statements of concern.

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

- The applications meets all regulatory requirements;
- The statements of concern lack detail and specifics about impacts in regard to this OSE Program;
- McMurray Métis has not demonstrated that it may be directly and adversely affected by the applications;
- The project area is within the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which addresses management of cumulative impacts on the environment on a regional basis. The activities proposed in the area of the applications are permitted under LARP;
- Imperial has applied to drill evaluation wells in conjunction with its oil sands exploration program. Well drilling and construction activities associated with the applications will be of limited duration. The evaluation wells are abandoned after drilling and no bitumen production is authorized as a result of the AER's approval of

the applications. The AER has previously determined that OSE program impacts are localized and temporary in nature.^[1];

- Concerns raised are substantially within the Regulator's jurisdiction;
- Any impacts from future applications would be assessed at the time of those applications, and notice of applications would be published on the AER website.

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The AER has issued the applied-for approval and licences and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the Land Use approval OSE160006 is attached. Copies of the licences for Applications No. 1869196 and are 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 www.aer.ca under Applications & Notices: Appeals.

If you have any questions in regards to Application No. OSE160006, contact Allison Shepherd at 780-743-7485 or e-mail allison.shepherd@er.ca. If you have any questions in regards to Applications No. 1869196 and 1869631, contact LaiLoni Boswell at 403-297-2450 or email lailoni.boswell@er.ca.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director, In Situ Authorizations

Attachments (1): Notice of Decision OSE160006

cc: Douglas Rowden, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
Kayce McDonald, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
AER Bonnyville Field Centre
AER Indigenous Engagement
Aboriginal Consultation Office, Government of Alberta

^[1] Decision 2013 ABAER 017.