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Proceeding 461
April 30, 2026

To: Laura-Marie Berg
***For*: Renergy Petroleum (Canada) Co Ltd. (Renergy)**

To: Bronwhyn Simmons and Simone Tielesh
***For*: Alberta Energy Regulator – Regulatory Compliance Branch**

[By email only]

Re: Regulatory Appeal by Renergy of the May 6, 2025, decision of the AER's Regulatory Compliance Branch, to issue an Abandonment and Reclamation Order to Renergy under sections 22 and 27 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*, section 23 of the *Pipeline Act*, and sections 140 and 241 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.
Hearing Procedures and Schedule

Dear Counsel,

In preparation for the commencement of the oral hearing for the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) proceeding 461 on May 11, 2026, please review the following procedures:

Hearing Schedule

Pursuant to section 19.1 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice*, the panel must establish time limits for the presentation of evidence, questioning witnesses, argument and any other procedural items. On April 16, 2026, the panel sought time estimates from the parties in preparation for the hearing of proceeding 461. Based on parties' estimates the panel has established the attached schedule. The panel was unable to schedule the hearing on consecutive days due to availability of the hearing team; therefore, the hearing is scheduled for May 11, 14, and 15, 2026.

The panel notes that the estimated time for direct evidence, cross examination and questions is included to help facilitate preparation and organization. Parties are expected to have their witnesses present at the hearing (virtual or in-person as previously arranged with the hearing coordinator) and ready to proceed when called upon by the panel.

Witnesses Requiring a Translator

The translation for Renergy's witness will be concurrent and therefore any requests regarding the pace of the hearing should be directed to the panel chair during the hearing.

Check-In Procedure

We ask that all parties check in with the hearing coordinator in Govier Hall at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing each day.

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Presenting Direct Evidence

Parties may utilize PowerPoint presentation(s) or other visual aids when presenting direct evidence during the hearing. However, visual aids cannot contain any new information or evidence and must contain references to existing evidence filed in the proceeding (exhibit numbers and pdf page numbers). Parties are expected to have reviewed and be familiar with s. 24 of the *Rules of Practice*. The panel directs that any visual aids/presentations intended to be used during direct evidence must be provided to hearing services, copied to all parties via email, 2 business days before the day their direct evidence is scheduled.

The panel has read all the materials on the public record for this proceeding. The panel asks that during the presentation of direct evidence, that the parties highlight important aspects of the evidence.

Aids to Cross

When counsel intends to utilize documents or records which are not already exhibits in the proceeding to assist in its cross-examination of a witness, those documents (aids to cross-examination) should, where feasible, be provided to counsel for the relevant witness at least 24 hours in advance of when the witness is scheduled to be cross-examined. In every case, aids to cross-examination must be provided to counsel for the witness in advance of being utilized in a cross-examination to avoid delay during the hearing. Please also provide aids to cross-examination to the hearing coordinator, by email to hearing.services@aer.ca in advance of their use.

Display of Exhibits During the Hearing

Evidence (exhibits) referred to at the hearing may be displayed on the screens in Govier Hall and to the video webcast. When counsel/representatives or witnesses would like to have an exhibit displayed, please request the **exhibit number and PDF page number**. This will allow the evidence to be displayed quickly and provide an accurate reference for the written transcript. Parties are responsible for ensuring they have access to all exhibits filed in this proceeding (i.e., internet access to SharePoint or documents downloaded ahead of time).

Confidential Exhibits and In Camera Sessions

General reference to the existence of confidential information will be acceptable during open non-confidential portions of the hearing. However, any reference during the hearing that could directly or indirectly reveal the content of the confidential information must be made only during in-camera sessions.

Prior to the start of an in-camera portion of the hearing, the panel will pause the hearing in order to stop the video stream and to clear the gallery of anyone who has not signed a confidential undertaking. Counsel for Renergy and AER Regulatory Compliance will be responsible for identifying any individuals in the hearing room who have not signed a confidential undertaking. A separate, confidential volume of the transcript will be created for any in-camera sessions.

Closing Argument

The panel notes that closing argument is an opportunity for the parties to provide the summation of their positions, having regard for the relevant evidence and law. Any necessary references to the record (exhibits) that counsel wants included in the transcript, where appropriate, should be stated aloud during closing

argument. Court reporters will not add any exhibit references to the transcript later if they are not stated during oral argument. Alternatively, a written copy of closing argument, with references, may also be filed as an exhibit. Your written copy of closing argument should be provided to the hearing coordinator within one business day of the conclusion of your argument. The panel will confirm during the hearing with the parties whether confidential information will be included in closing arguments.

Transcripts

The transcript prepared by the court reporter will be the official record of the proceeding. Transcripts will be available on a next-day basis and will be uploaded to SharePoint for the parties and available on AER.ca. Should a party wish to acquire same-day transcripts, please contact Dicta Court Reporting at info@dictacourtreporting.com for options and pricing (refer to this hearing as "AER Proceeding 461").

Govier Hall

Upon arrival at the AER Head Office, Govier Hall can be found on the 3rd floor in the West Tower. There is signage on the 3rd floor that points toward Govier Hall.

Breakout Rooms

Renergy has been assigned to Foothills/Ten Peaks room, which is located on the same floor as Govier Hall. Regulatory Compliance has the Centennial meeting room reserved.

Exhibit List

A complete list of exhibits filed on the record for this proceeding will be sent to the parties in due course. If changes occur prior to the start of the hearing, an updated list will be provided.

Live Broadcast of the Hearing

The hearing will be live broadcast for public viewing, at https://www.meetview.com/aer2026 except for any confidential portion(s) of the hearing. The live broadcast allows those unable to observe the hearing in-person to do so remotely. Parties are asked to ensure all witnesses and representatives are aware of this broadcast. If any hearing attendees have concerns with being captured in a live broadcast, please let the hearing coordinator know prior to May 11, 2026.

The hearing is not being recorded for viewing later and participants in the hearing are not permitted to make any recording (audio, video or otherwise) of the proceeding, including photographs and screen captures.

For questions about hearing procedures, please contact the undersigned by email at Hearing.Services@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

Tammy Turner
Hearing Coordinator, Hearing Services

cc: Meighan LaCasse and Krista Gibson, Counsel for the hearing panel
Tara Wheaton, Hearing Coordinator