

Regulatory Appeal 1941039

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Regulatory appeal of Application Nos.: 1937615, 31733013 & 31749320 and Licence Nos.: F52766, 0504523, 0504524, 0504525, 0504526, 0504527 & 0504528 for a sweet multi-well bitumen pad site and associated battery located at 10-20-063-06 W4M

Dear Mr. Doonanco

The Alberta Energy Regulator has requested that I assign a hearing panel to conduct a hearing for regulatory appeal 1941039. The regulatory appeal was granted by the AER as a result of your request for regulatory appeal 1938479 dated June 15, 2022. A hearing will be held unless the request for the regulatory appeal is withdrawn. Hearings are led by hearing commissioners who are independent from the day-to-day operations of the AER. I assign one or more hearing commissioners to sit on hearing panels to decide matters sent to them by the AER. Their decisions may only be reviewed by the Court of Appeal of Alberta and they must adhere to the Hearing Commissioner Code of Conduct.

This is not a notice of hearing. Once a hearing panel is assigned they will decide any procedural matters related to the hearing such as issuing a notice of hearing. Before a notice of hearing can be issued the record of the decision maker must be compiled. Once the record of the decision maker is complete it will be placed on the public record.

For more information about the AER hearing process please see [Manual 003: Participant Guide to the Hearing Process](#). This manual provides an overview of the hearing process and tries to answer common questions. The requirements for hearings are set out in the [Responsible Energy Development Act](#) and the [Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice](#).

I may also assign a hearing commissioner who is not on the hearing panel to explore [alternative dispute resolution](#) (ADR) with you. The [ADR by Hearing Commissioner brochure](#) and [Manual 004: Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs and Guidelines for Energy Industry Disputes](#) have information on ADR. Parties may also request ADR.

Elaine Arruda is the Hearing Coordinator for this proceeding and will be your main point of contact during this process. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine at 403-297-7365 or by e-mail at Hearing.Services@aer.ca.

Yours truly,

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