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BELLATRIX EXPLORATION LTD.**APPLICATIONS NO. 1903145 AND 1903195****STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30983**

Dear Sir/Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about applications no. 1903145 and 1903195. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the applications, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the applications. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment, or necessary, to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

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

- You do not own the land on which the project is located.
- There is no sour gas production for the proposed wells and battery.
- The proposed projects will be located on an existing lease.
- The concerns about the impact on your water well and property value are general in nature, and there is insufficient information to determine that they would be negatively affected. Bellatrix has committed to testing your well water prior to drilling the well and after completion operations. Further, surface casing will be set below the base of groundwater protection to isolate the wellbore from groundwater aquifer's, in accordance with the requirements of *AER Directive 008: Surface Casing Depth Requirements*.
- Concerns with traffic are not within the AER's jurisdiction. However, Bellatrix has committed to posting signs for its employees and contractors to travel at reduced speed limits on the local roads, as well as working to regulate oilfield traffic to the proposed site outside of school bus schedules.

- Bellatrix is compliant and meets all requirements outlined in *Directive 071: Emergency preparedness and Response Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry*.
- Concerns about possible future applications by Bellatrix are outside the scope of this application.
- Bellatrix is required to meet all environmental and regulatory guidelines and requirements.
- The objections raised in the Statement of Concern (SOC) have been addressed to AER's satisfaction.

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Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the applications or that the AER should hold a hearing before making its decision on the applications. The AER has issued the applied-for licences and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the licences 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, <http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notice/appeals>.

If you have any questions, contact Brittney Goudreau at 780-641-9038 or e-mail Brittney.goudreau@er.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Rob Borth

Director, Oil and Gas Authorizations

Enclosure (3): **(Licences)**

cc: Jessica Lowen, Bellatrix Exploration Ltd
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