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**APPLICATIONS NO. 1841478, 1841491, 1841589, OSE150007, AND OSE1500016
IMPERIAL OIL RESOURCES VENTURES LIMITED (IMPERIAL)
STATEMENT OF CONCERNS NO. 29922, 29957, and 30028**

Dear Ms. Bishop:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern on behalf of Métis Nation of Alberta Association Fort McMurray Local Council 1935 (McMurray Métis) about the Applications. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statements of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the application 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 McMurray Métis's concerns, the AER considered the following:

- Fort McMurray Métis Local 1935 is located approximately 50 kilometers south of the Aspen project area.
- The application area is within the boundary of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which addresses acceptable land disturbance standards in relation to wildlife and management of cumulative impacts on a regional basis. The subject exploration activities are permitted under LARP.
- The AER is satisfied that proper and responsible completion of Imperial's oil sands exploration program, including the construction, operation and abandonment of infrastructure associated with the current applications, will result in minimal lasting disturbance or impact on the environment and natural resources.
- McMurray Métis did not provide any concerns that pertain specifically to Imperial's 2015/2016 winter drilling program.

- McMurray Métis has provided no “hard information” about locations where land within or affected by the OSE programs is used by McMurray Métis or how its members may be affected.¹ The information provided is general in nature and does not indicate if or how McMurray Métis members may be directly and adversely affected by the application.
- The concerns submitted by the McMurray Métis have been addressed by Imperial to the AER’s satisfaction.

Based on the above and having regard for all of the information before the AER, you have not demonstrated that McMurray Métis may be directly and adversely affected by the application.

The AER has issued the applied-for approval and licences and this is your notice of that decision. Copies of the authorizations are attached. Copies of the licences can be viewed at the links listed below:

- <http://portal.aer.ca/portal/site/pnod/menuitem.1d70a9f25e6fab1163d3a372222a10a0/?decision=1841478>
- <http://portal.aer.ca/portal/site/pnod/menuitem.1d70a9f25e6fab1163d3a372222a10a0/?decision=1841491>
- <http://portal.aer.ca/portal/site/pnod/menuitem.1d70a9f25e6fab1163d3a372222a10a0/?decision=1841589>

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.

¹ *Dene Tha' First Nation v Alberta (Energy and Utilities Board)*, 2005 ABCA 68 at para 18.

If you have any questions regarding the land use applications, contact Ashley Blackwood
at _____ or e-mail _____.

inquiries 1-855-297-8311
24-hour
emergency 1-800-222-6514

If you have any questions regarding the infrastructure applications, contact Cassy
Johnson at _____ or e-mail _____.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

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Shelley Youens
Director, Infrastructure Authorizations
(Oil and Gas)

Elizabeth Grilo
Director, Public Lands

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Attachments (5): Copies of Licences and Approvals

cc: Gail Motta, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
AER Aboriginal Relations
Aboriginal Consultation Office