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Steven and Claudia Charlton

Dear Madam and Sir,

Re: Request to Participate in Hearing
Proceeding ID 355
Canadian Natural Resources Limited
LSD 15-18-63-03W4M

I am writing to you on behalf of the AER panel of hearing commissioners assigned to the Proceeding (the panel).

On September 27, 2017 the AER issued a notice of hearing of the above proceeding under section 7.001 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Rules* for a single well bitumen battery. The notice of hearing explained how to file a request to participate in the hearing and set a filing deadline of October 17, 2017, which was subsequently extended to October 31, 2017, pursuant to your request.

The AER received your request to participate on October 27, 2017. CNRL's response to your request was received on November 7, 2017. A subsequent reply was filed by you on November 10, 2017.

The panel has considered these written submissions and, for the reasons below, has decided to permit you to participate in the hearing of the application.

The panel noted that you have met the requirements in the AER's *Rules of Practice* for filing a request to participate. Although you did not file a statement of concern on the application, the panel accepts that this was due to the fact that you were only made aware of the application on October 12, 2017.

Section 34 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* (REDA) states that "a person who may be directly and adversely affected by the application is entitled to be heard at the hearing". You have indicated that you use the lands upon which the battery is proposed to pasture your horses.

Your interest in and use of the lands raises the possibility that you may be directly and adversely affected by the application, given the increase and change in activities on those lands. In any event, you have a tangible interest in the subject matter of the hearing, given your legal interest in these lands, and given the proximity of your owned lands and new residence to the proposed battery.

Subject to further directions or rulings issued by the panel, you may take part in the hearing as full participants.

In order to avoid the duplication of evidence and to focus on matters that are material and relevant to the decision on the application, the panel will be providing further direction to the participants in the hearing specifying the issues for which participants are allowed to make submissions, representations and argument. AER staff assisting the hearing panel will be in contact with you and the other participants shortly to discuss hearing related processes.

Please contact Elaine Arruda, Hearing Coordinator, at (403) 297-7365 or email hearing.services@aer.ca if you have any further questions about the above.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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