

BY EMAIL ONLY

September 19, 2019

Ms. Judy Carrell

**VERESEN MIDSTREAM GENERAL PARTNER INC. (VERESEN)**

**APPLICATION NO. 1212381**

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31545**

Dear Ms. Carrell:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1212381. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the company's application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- The pipeline will not be located on your lands.
- Your concern with respect to pipeline proximity to public spaces, public events and the Town of Beaverlodge is general in nature and does not demonstrate a direct and adverse effect to you or your lands.
- Veresen has stated that the route of the pipeline was specifically chosen based on varying factors; including construction access, cost, reduction of timber clearing, residence density, safety concerns, watercourse crossing and topographical concerns. The proposed pipeline meets the AER requirements as set out in *Directive 071: Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry* (Directive 071) as well as the setback requirements set out in *Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules*.
- With respect to your concern regarding wildlife, and in particular the great blue heron, Veresen has implemented a program to identify wildlife and wildlife features.

In the 2019 wildlife survey, no great blue heron colonies were observed in the area of the project.

- Your concern with respect to safety has been addressed through Veresen's required compliance with Directive 071 throughout the lifecycle of the project.

The AER has not yet made a decision on the Application and you will be notified when that decision is made. If a hearing on the applications is to be held for another reason, a notice of hearing will be published.

All AER- regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

If you have any questions, contact Silken Leach at [Silken.Leach@aer.ca](mailto:Silken.Leach@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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