

BY E-MAIL ONLY

May 4, 2018

Nielle Hawkwood

RIDGEBACK RESOURCES INC.

APPLICATION NO. 1903118

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 31028

Dear Nielle Hawkwood:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1903118. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the application. 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:

- Your lands are located about 12 km north of the proposed holding, and you do not own the subsurface rights in the area of the application.
- Regarding your concerns about hydraulic fracturing (fracking) causing earthquakes or tremors, the Alberta Geological Service has confirmed there are no documented cases of induced seismicity related to hydraulic fracturing development of the Cardium formation.
- Your concerns about human and animal health, water quality, and air quality are related to fracking and flaring, which are not part of the current application.
- The application is for a subsurface holding, and it does not authorize any infrastructure activities, including the drilling and completion of any wells including fracking. Additional applications will be required for any future energy development, and you will have the opportunity to express your concerns about those applications when they are submitted. Ridgeback Resources Inc. is required under *Directive 056*

to include all parties with known concerns in its participant involvement programs for any future well, pipeline, or facility applications.

Based on the above, you have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the application or that the AER should hold a hearing before making its decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for approval, and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval is attached.

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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 Lonny Olsen at 403-297-3513 or e-mail Lonny.Olsen@aer.

Sincerely,
<original signed by>

Rob Borth
Director, Authorizations Oil & Gas

Enclosure (1): **(approval)**

cc: Mike Borowski, Ridgeback Resources Inc.
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AER Midnapore Field Centre