

**Proceeding 376**

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**Re: Prehearing Meeting Schedule and Agenda**  
**Imperial CLEP Regulatory Appeal by Elizabeth Metis Settlement**

Dear Counsel:

The panel of hearing commissioners (the panel) for this proceeding has reviewed the written submissions received by the August 6, 2019, deadline from Elizabeth Métis Settlement, Imperial Oil Resources Limited, AER Authorizations Group (Authorizations), Fishing Lake and Buffalo Lake Métis Settlements regarding:

- (1) the standard of review for this hearing, and
- (2) the role of Authorizations in this hearing.

The panel has decided that based on section 32.2 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice* the order of presentation to speak to the written submissions (1) and (2) is as follows:

1. Elizabeth Métis Settlement
2. Imperial Oil Resources Limited
3. Authorizations
4. Fishing Lake Métis and Buffalo Lake Métis Settlements

Each party above will be given 15 minutes in which to highlight positions in its written submission and provide comments to the submissions filed by the other parties. The panel may follow each presentation with questions, which will be outside of the 15 minute time allotment.

Following presentation of the above issues, the panel will adjourn the meeting until 1:00 p.m. at which time the panel will proceed to hear from all parties to this hearing regarding the following issues outlined in the panel's letters dated July 11 and July 17, 2019:

- Whether a formal information request (IR) process is needed;
- Suggested deadlines for filing hearing submissions;
- Anticipated extent of participation, including opportunities to work with other participants to avoid duplication and overlap, in the hearing and the estimated time required for same; and
- Possible hearing dates and locations, and parties' hearing availability.

The order of presentation for the hearing process issues will be as follows:

1. Elizabeth Métis Settlement
2. Imperial Oil Resources Limited
3. AER Authorizations Group
4. Fishing Lake Métis and Buffalo Lake Métis Settlements
5. Kehewin Cree Nation
6. City of Cold Lake and MD of Bonnyville

The panel would welcome a joint submission from the parties on one, some, or all of the process issues. The panel would like the parties to speak to the length of the hearing as well as their availability for a hearing commencing the fourth week of November 2019 through the end of January 2020, excluding December 15 to January 18, 2020.

Once again, the prehearing meeting will be a formal meeting that will be audio webcast from the AER's website and transcribed by a court reporter. Transcripts may be ordered by each party directly from the court reporting company. Parties unable to attend the meeting in-person may participate by audio via Skype.

The panel intends to issue a written prehearing decision following the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 403-297-3232 or at [hearing.services@aer.ca](mailto:hearing.services@aer.ca).

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