

By email only

May 10, 2024

Wilson Laycraft

Attention: Richard Harrison

Dear Mr. Harrison:

**RE: Request for regulatory appeal by the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 (Ranchland)
Alberta Energy Regulator's March 6, 2024 Letter**

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) is in receipt of your March 28th email, request for regulatory appeal form, and supporting materials (Request)

As your Request does not relate to an appealable decision, it has not been registered and will not be considered.

The AER letters you've referenced in your Request and which you claim are AER decisions, clearly do not fall within any of the categories of appealable decisions. Three of them are letters between the AER and various coal companies, providing information in response to their written inquiries about their coal exploration program (CEP) approvals. The March 6, 2024 letter is a letter from AER legal counsel in response to an inquiry from Ranchland's legal counsel about these same approvals.

The AER letters are simply that – letters. They are not appealable decisions made under any of the statutes or regulations noted in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* (REDA). They do not even meet the definition of 'decision' as defined in REDA.

Further, section 30(1)(a) of the *AER Rules of Practice* (Rules) require a request for regulatory appeal to contain a copy of an appealable decision. The letters, while provided in the Request, are not appealable decisions, and thus the Request does not comply with section 30(1)(a) of the Rules.

As the Request does not meet the requirements of the Rules or REDA, the Request has not been registered, and the AER will be closing its file in this matter.

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If you have any questions regarding the AER's regulatory appeal request procedures, please contact the undersigned at RegulatoryAppeal@aer.ca or review the information on the AER's website: [Regulatory Appeal Process | Alberta Energy Regulator \(aer.ca\)](#)

Sincerely,



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cc: Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd.

Elan Coal Ltd.

Cabin Ridge Project Limited