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Jeff Young
Aera Energy, LLC
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RE: WELL STIMULATION TREATMENT DENIALS

Dear Mr. Young:

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has received and reviewed Aera's Well Stimulation Treatment (WST) permit applications for the thirteen (13) wells listed below:

Group 61 (South Belridge)

Count	API	Well Name
1	03067596	954HR3-29
2	03067603	521N1-29
3	03067604	954KR3-29
4	03067605	928DR3-20
5	03067613	521D2-29
6	03067614	955JR3-29
7	03067615	564N2-29
8	03067616	518S2-28
9	03067619	918MR-20
10	03067628	922GR2-29
11	03067630	955GR5-29
12	03067640	918QR-28
13	03067644	521K2-33

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This correspondence serves as notice that Aera's WST permit requests for these thirteen wells are **denied**.

I have reviewed the applications and evaluated the quantifiable risk of the proposed well stimulation treatments. In the exercise of my discretion under Public Resources Code § 3160(d)(3)(C), I am denying these permit requests "to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, and natural resources" (*id.* § 3106(a)) and to "protect[] public health and safety and environmental quality, including [the] reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development of hydrocarbon . . . resources" (*id.* § 3011(a)).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Courtney Smith at Courtney.Smith@conservation.ca.gov.

Thank you,



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State Oil and Gas Supervisor

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