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Jeff Young
Aera Energy, LLC
10000 Ming Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93311

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 fourteen (14) wells listed below:

Group 61 (South Belridge)

Count	API
1	03067934
2	03067942
3	03067999
4	03068000
5	03068024
6	03068025
7	03068063
8	03068067
9	03068068
10	03068069
11	03068147
12	03068305
13	03068306
14	03068307

This correspondence serves as notice that Aera's WST permit requests for these fourteen 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 section 3160, subdivision (d)(3)(C), I am denying these permit requests "to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, and natural resources" and to "protect public health and safety and environmental quality, including [the]

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reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development of hydrocarbon . . . resources." (See Pub. Resources Code, §§ 3011, subd. (a), 3106, subd. (a).)

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

Sincerely,



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State Oil and Gas Supervisor

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