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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 following fourteen (14) wells listed below:

Group 62 (South Belridge)

Count	API	Well Name
1	03068099	927NR-28
2	03068101	928VR2-34
3	03068102	966D-29
4	03068106	949AR-28
5	03068164	916KR2-34
6	03068261	917DR4-20
7	03068262	923HR2-29

Group 60 (South Belridge)

Count	API	Well Name
1	03067617	564E2-29
2	03067618	564C3-29
3	03067629	983JR2-33
4	03067630	955GR5-29

Group 12 (North Belridge)

Count	API	Well Name
1	03066998	922D-1N
2	03067008	932AR-1N
3	03067016	521D3-1N

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 § 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.

Sincerely,



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State Oil and Gas Supervisor

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