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By email only

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Response Regarding the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's Request for Advice on the Value Chain Solutions Inc. Heartland Complex Extension Project

Dear Ms. Boss:

Further to your letter of November 19, 2020, please be advised it is not within the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)'s jurisdiction to provide advice to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada on the Value Chain Solutions Inc. (VCS) Heartland Complex Extension Project or the potential issues that should be addressed in a potential federal impact assessment.

The project is subject to the environmental assessment process under Part 2 of Division 1 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA). VCS has been advised that it is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(j) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation* and has been directed, pursuant to section 44(1)(a) of EPEA, to prepare and submit an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report.

The final terms of reference for the EIA report have been issued by the AER under section 48(3) of EPEA.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Camille Almeida at Camille.Almeida@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

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