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Office of the Superintendent Securities, Consumer, Corporate and Insurance Services Division Office of the
Attorney General (Prince Edward Island)
Office of the Superintendent of Securities, Northwest Territories
Office of the Yukon Superintendent of Securities
Nunavut Securities Office

Dear Sirs:

**RE: Cenovus Energy Inc. (the "Corporation")
Prospectus Supplement dated November 8, 2017 to the Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus dated
October 10, 2017**

We refer to the prospectus supplement dated November 8, 2017 to the short form base shelf prospectus dated October 10, 2017 (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") relating to the Corporation's offer to exchange (i) US\$1,200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Corporation's outstanding unregistered 4.25% Notes due 2027, for a like aggregate principal amount of new registered 4.25% Notes due 2027, (ii) US\$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Corporation's outstanding unregistered 5.25% Notes due 2037 for a like aggregate principal amount of new registered 5.25% Notes due 2037 and (iii) US\$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Corporation's outstanding unregistered 5.40% Notes due 2047 for a like aggregate principal amount of new registered 5.40% Notes due 2047.

We hereby consent to the references to our firm name in the Prospectus Supplement under the headings "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities", "Risk Factors", "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations" and "Legal Matters" and to the references to our opinions under the headings "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities", "Risk Factors" and "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations".

We confirm that we have read the Prospectus Supplement and that we have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained therein that are derived from our opinion referred to therein or that are within our knowledge as a result of the services we have performed in connection with such opinion.

Yours truly,

"Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP"