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Autorité des marchés financiers

Nova Scotia Securities Commission

Financial and Consumer Services Commission (New Brunswick)

Office of the Superintendent of Securities, Service Newfoundland and Labrador

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")
Final Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus dated October 10, 2017**

We refer to the short form base shelf prospectus of the Corporation dated October 10, 2017 (the "**Prospectus**") relating to the offering from time to time by the Corporation of debt securities, common shares, preferred shares, subscription receipts, warrants, share purchase contracts and units having an aggregate offering amount of up to US\$7,500,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of the offering).

We hereby consent to the references to our firm name in the Prospectus under the headings "Legal Matters" and "Documents Filed as Part of the Registration Statement" and to the reference to our firm name and to the use of our opinion under the heading "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities".

We confirm that we have read the Prospectus 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,

(signed) "*Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP*"