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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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October 27, 2017

Ivor M. Ruste  
Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer  
Cenovus Energy Inc.  
2600, 500 Centre Street S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 1A6

**Re: Cenovus Energy Inc.  
Form 40-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016  
Filed February 16, 2017  
File No. 001-34513**

Dear Mr. Ruste:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Loan Lauren P. Nguyen

Loan Lauren P. Nguyen  
Legal Branch Chief  
Office of Natural Resources