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Dear Shannon,

**RE: Response to ASX Price & Volume Query**

Protean Energy Limited (ASX: POW) (**Protean** or the **Company**) refers to your Price and Volume Query letter dated 22 March 2019 and provides the following responses:

1. The Company is not aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the Company.
2. Not applicable.
3. No.
4. The Company confirms it is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.
5. The Company confirms the responses to the questions above are authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy.

The Company confirms that the Company's response has been authorised and approved by officers of the Company that have delegated authority from the Board to respond to ASX disclosure matters.

Faithfully,

**Matthew Foy**  
Company Secretary  
Protean Energy Limited  
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22 March 2019

**Mr Matthew Foy**

Company Secretary  
Protean Energy Limited

*By email*

Dear Mr Foy

**Protean Energy Limited (the “Entity”): price query**

We note the change in the price of the Entity’s securities from a closing price of \$0.01 on Tuesday, 19 March 2019 to an intra-day high at the time of writing of \$0.021 today, Friday 22 March 2019.

We also note the significant increase in the volume of the Entity’s securities traded over the last few days.

In light of this, ASX asks the Entity to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

1. Is the Entity aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?
2. If the answer to question 1 is “yes”:
  - a) Is the Entity relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?

Please note that the recent trading in the Entity’s securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Entity may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is “yes”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
  - b) Can an announcement be made immediately?

Please note, if the answer to this question is “no”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).
  - c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
3. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, is there any other explanation that the Entity may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that the Entity is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
5. Please confirm that the Entity’s responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of the Entity with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

**When and where to send your response**

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than **10:00 am (WST) today, Friday 22 March 2019**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Entity’s securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, the Entity’s obligation is to disclose the

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information “immediately”. This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Accordingly, your response should be in a form suitable for release to the market.

Your response should be sent to me copying in [TradingHaltsPerth@asx.com.au](mailto:TradingHaltsPerth@asx.com.au). It should not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

### **Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A**

Listing Rule 3.1 requires a listed entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity’s securities. Exceptions to this requirement are set out in Listing Rule 3.1A.

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to the Entity’s obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B*.

It should be noted that the Entity’s obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

### **Trading halt**

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is “yes” and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in the Entity’s securities under Listing Rule 17.1.

If you wish to request a trading halt, you must tell us:

- the reasons for the trading halt;
- how long you want the trading halt to last;
- the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;
- that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted.

You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Kind regards

*[Sent electronically without signature]*

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