

**NOTICE DECLARING INTENTION  
TO BE QUALIFIED UNDER  
NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 44-101  
SHORT FORM PROSPECTUS DISTRIBUTIONS  
("NI 44-101")**

January 5, 2011

To: The Alberta Securities Commission

Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (the "**Issuer**") intends to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101. The Issuer acknowledges that it must satisfy all applicable qualification criteria prior to filing a preliminary short form prospectus. This notice does not evidence the Issuer's intent to file a short form prospectus, to enter into any particular financing or transaction or to become a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction. This notice will remain in effect until withdrawn by the Issuer.

**PENN WEST PETROLEUM LTD.**

Per: (signed) "Keith Luft"  
Keith Luft  
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Stakeholder Relations