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**RE: Rook I Project – Technical Review of Draft EIS by Federal-Indigenous-Review Team**

Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the Clearwater River Dene Nation (CRDN) please accept this as our formal notice in our participation in the technical review conducted by the Federal-Indigenous-Review Team (FIRT) for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) for the proposed Rook I Project (Project).

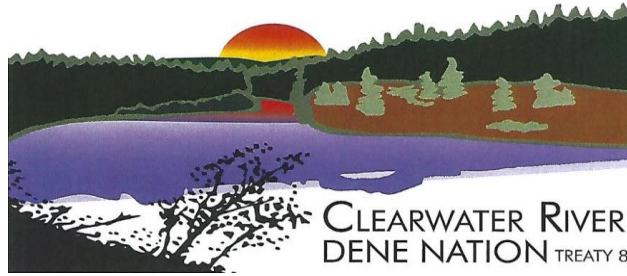
In November of 2022, the FIRT completed the technical review of the EIS and identified 271 information requests (IRs) for response by NexGen. These IRs are reproduced in a document entitled *Annex 1 – Information Requests for the Rook I draft EIS*, which was published by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to the Project's webpage on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry on 16 November-2022-(Annex-1) (<https://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80171>).

The FIRT also provided 40 'Advice to Proponent' comments that contain additional guidance and advice that NexGen should take into consideration when responding to the IRs and when revising the draft EIS. These comments are similarly reproduced in a document entitled *Annex 2 – FIRT Advice to Proponent for NexGen Rook I Draft EIS*, which was published by the CNSC to the Project's webpage on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry on 16 November 2022 (Annex 2).

Following our participation in the FIRT, the CRDN have meaningfully engaged directly with NexGen by jointly participating in committees formed in connection with the Project and its ongoing environmental assessment. Through our participation in these effective and efficient platforms, NexGen has addressed or responded to all of the CRDN's IRs as set out in Annex 1 (note: Annex 2 does not include any specific guidance from the CRDN). Specifically, NexGen has addressed our comments in a manner acceptable inclusively with the CRDN community.

Accordingly, through this letter, we formally acknowledge and confirm to the CNSC that NexGen's responses to the CRDN's IRs as set out in Annex 1 to the FIRT review have been verified such that NexGen has adequately addressed all CRDN IRs.

For completeness, the list below outlines the CRDN comments included in Annex 1 for which this collaborative process has been conducted between the CRDN and NexGen.



The following IRs are now considered 'closed' by the CRDN as it pertains to the federal EA review process for the Project:

- No. 7
- No. 10
- No. 22
- No. 23
- No. 139

Should you require further information on this item and file, please contact our Engagement Lead Camm Willier at : [cammer7@shaw.ca](mailto:cammer7@shaw.ca) and on cell at - 403-505-6319.

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