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Dear Terry Forkheim:

SUBJECT: Agency Review of the Revised Central Ridge Exploration Drilling Project **Environmental Impact Statement**

On January 15, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received the revised Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and EIS Summary for the Central Ridge Exploration Drilling Project (the Project) from Equinor Canada Ltd. (the proponent). The Agency has reviewed the submission in light of its December 3, 2019 letter to you and confirms that revisions have been made.

This letter is to inform you that the Agency is commencing the technical review of the document and will begin a public comment period on January 23, 2020. Please note that proceeding to a technical review and public comment period does not imply that the information provided is adequate to support the completion of the environmental assessment. The Agency may issue Information Requirements to you based on the results of the technical review conducted by federal experts, and on input received from the public and Indigenous groups during the comment period.

If you have questions or wish to discuss further, please contact Leslie Kieley at 709-725-2740 or via email at iaac.CentralRidge.aeic@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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