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Jordan Costley
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Dear Jordan Costley:

SUBJECT: Requirements related to the Detailed Project Description for Marguerite Lake Compressed Air Energy Storage Project

On June 20, 2024, the *Budget Implementation Act, 2024, No. 1*, received royal assent and brought into force amendments to the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the amendments to the IAA pertaining to the Detailed Project Description (DPD), and whether a DPD is required for the Marguerite Lake Compressed Air Energy Storage Project (the Project).

One of the amendments to the IAA includes changes to section 15 and the requirements related to the DPD. Subsection 15(1.1) of the amended IAA indicates that IAAC may require a DPD if it is of the opinion that a decision cannot be made under subsection 16(1) without that description and information.

Based on the information available to date regarding the Project, including the Initial Project Description, comments received, and anticipated complete responses to the Summary of Issues, IAAC expects to have sufficient information to inform its section 16 decision. Therefore, IAAC is of the view that a DPD for the Project is not required, at this time. You may choose to submit a DPD, and its contents will be considered. Should an impact assessment be required for the Project, information contained in a DPD may also support the tailoring of the Impact Statement Guidelines and other Planning phase documents, as appropriate. .../2

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You are still required to provide a Response to the Summary of Issues pursuant to section 15(1) of the amended IAA. For ease of reference, IAAC requests that the Response to the Summary of Issues be provided in a table format. A summary of the response must be provided in English and French. Federation Group Inc. is encouraged to contact IAAC in the next few days to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Response to the Summary of Issues.

Federation Group Inc. is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and posted on the Registry Internet site for the Project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 587-545-4625 or by email at valerie.coenen@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<sent electronically>

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