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**Subject: Results of the Federal-Indigenous Review Team technical review of NexGen's
May 22, 2024, revised draft EIS for the proposed Rook I Project**

Dear Mr. Moger,

On May 22, 2024, NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen) submitted a revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) package, including responses to Information Requests (IRs), Advice to the Proponent comments, a revised EIS, Technical Support Documents and Baseline Reports, as well as a Commitments Report for the proposed Rook I Project [1]. On June 20, 2024, CNSC staff found the submission [1] to contain the required information to proceed with the Federal-Indigenous Review Team (FIRT) technical review [2].

Extended Review Period

The FIRT's initial review of NexGen's responses to IRs was intended to conclude by September 20, 2024. As the review progressed, NexGen requested the opportunity to discuss the outcome of the review process and the paths to resolution with the relevant FIRT members where elements of IRs remained unresolved.

NexGen submitted additional information to CNSC staff from May to November 2024 to resolve these IRs [3]. For transparency purposes, these submissions will be posted to the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) (the Registry) in two combined packages.

Outcome of the EIS Technical Review

Following the extended technical review, the FIRT has found that the information provided by NexGen addresses the regulatory requirements for the environmental assessment (EA). All responses to IRs and Advice to the Proponent comments are now deemed as accepted.

A table with the status of the FIRT's review of IRs is provided in Annex 1[4], and a table with the status of the FIRT's review of the Advice to Proponent comments is provided in Annex 2 [5].

Expectations and Next Steps

On November 19, 2024 or shortly thereafter, CNSC staff will post these review results as well as the additional information submitted by NexGen on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for the [NexGen Rook I Project \(Reference number: 80171\)](#).

CNSC staff expect NexGen to submit a Final EIS package, including responses to the Consolidated Comments from Indigenous Nations and Communities and the Public on the NexGen Rook I Project, updated technical support documents, as well as an updated Commitments Report and an updated Indigenous Engagement Report (IER). Once received, the submission will undergo a 30-day review by CNSC staff to ensure all documents have been updated accordingly and that all comments from Indigenous Nations and Communities and members of the public have been addressed in an acceptable manner.

If CNSC staff deems the submission as acceptable, staff will notify NexGen that the EIS has been accepted as Final and that CNSC staff will draft the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) EA Report summarizing the results of the technical review and staff's recommendations to the Commission.

Please note, and as previously mentioned, both the Commitments Report and IER are evergreen documents that should continue to be updated over the remainder of the regulatory review process, and, after the public hearings and Commission decisions, if the project is approved.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, directly by phone at 343-542-7657 or by email at Nicole.Frigault@cnsccsn.gc.ca.

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References:

- [1] E-mail, L. Moger (NexGen) to N. Frigault (CNSC), *Results of Federal Indigenous Review Team Technical Review of NexGen's Oct 31, 2023 IR Responses – Rook 1 Draft EIS*, May 22, 2024 (e-Doc: 7290708)
- [2] Letter, N. Frigault (CNSC) to L. Moger (NexGen), *Outcome of CNSC Staff Completeness Check of the May 22, 2024 Responses to Federal Indigenous Review Team Information Requests for the Rook 1 Project*, June 20, 2024 (e-Doc: 7303364)
- [3] NexGen to CNSC, Rook 1 Project EIS Information Requests - Supplemental Information, Rook 1 Project EIS Advice to Proponent – Supplemental Information November 14, 2024 (e-Doc: 7408558, e-Doc: 7408555)
- [4] Annex 1, Federal and Indigenous Review Team, Rook 1 Project – Information Requests, November 18, 2024 (e-Doc: 7409331)
- [5] Annex 2, Federal and Indigenous Review Team, *Rook 1 Project – Advice to Proponent*, November 18, 2024 (e-Doc: 7409340)