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Ms. Nana-Owusua Kwamena / Mr. Adam Levine
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)

Re: CNSC February 14 Letter

Thank you for your letter dated February 14th regarding the CNSC regulatory review process for the Rook I Project.

In reviewing your letter the information provided is consistent with recent engagement between CRDN and CNSC but no additional details are provided in response to our prior requests and commitments made by CNSC staff. This remains a concern and point of frustration to the CRDN as we have repeatedly highlighted to all levels of the CNSC the urgency of advancing all items required for the approval of this project, starting with the setting of a Hearing date. The CNSC have repeatedly assured CRDN that these items are a priority to the CNSC members working on this file.

Specifically, there are a number of priority items to the CRDN that were discussed and committed to by the CNSC in our meetings on January 29th and February 5th and many of these remain outstanding at this time. These include the timelines for the CNSC staff to complete various reports and documentation and confirmation of how these timelines have incorporated efficiencies identified by the CNSC.

For the three reports and documents referenced in your letter we understand that these are completely actionable by CNSC staff at this time and have been assured that the CNSC have the dedicated resources available to complete these. CRDN again request confirmation of the current status of

their development, the timelines to complete these documents and confirmation of the efficiencies that have been identified by CNSC staff in concluding these items. This is an action outstanding from both our January and February meetings and the CNSC have indicated that the requested information is available and could be shared from the Commission Member Document strategy that had been developed. We again request these details to be provided and reiterate that CRDN are available to immediately commence any required actions in supporting the CNSC finalization of these items.

Your letter also mentions that funding will be available through the CNSC Participant Funding Program. In our meeting on February 4th CNSC staff confirmed that notification of this program was immediately actionable and could be expected within two weeks. We have yet to receive this notification and request confirmation of the date this will be completed in accordance with these communicated timelines. We expect to see this notification posted this week and no later than March 7th.

Additionally, we request confirmation of the status of the following CNSC actions from the February 5th meeting:

- That the CNSC have provided notification to the Commission Registrar regarding establishing a Hearing. It was indicated during the meeting that this was imminent, and that confirmation of a Hearing date could be expected within a month of receipt.
- That the CNSC Commission Member Document strategy has been sent to the Commission Registrar. It was indicated during the meeting that this was nearing finalization in order to be sent to internal CNSC staff for reviews.

The timely conclusion of these remaining items and approval of this Project remains paramount for our community and to honour commitments made by the CNSC to the CRDN.

Please provide confirmation of receipt of this letter and the requested information by March 3rd and confirm a meeting time between yourselves and our team within a week's time of today to finalize the priority items described above that were discussed and committed to deliver to our team by the CNSC.

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