



March 4, 2025

To Candace Salmon
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (“CNSC”) Registrar

Dear Mrs Salmon,

We are writing with respect to the recent approval of the final Rook I Environmental Assessment (EA) and the next steps of setting a Commission Hearing Date for the Rook I Project.

We met with the CNSC Staff members that have been working closely with our Nation on March 3, 2025. The staff addressed some of the concerns regarding the delays on the setting of a hearing date for the Rook I Project, but we are still not happy with the slow process to what is a transformational project for our Métis people. During this meeting the staff noted they will have their commission strategy document to your department today or tomorrow and you are responsible for selecting a hearing date. The staff also noted it should only take a 2-3 days for your team to select a hearing date and set it publicly for the Rook I Project. The imminent setting of the Commission Hearing date is extremely important to our leaders and community members.

We understand that Denison Mines have received their Commission Hearing date even though NexGen had submitted their final and approved EIS prior to Denison’s final submission. With that being said we expect the hearing date for the Rook I Project to be set to occur in 2025 and for the hearing to be a 1-part hearing. We do not see the need for a 2-part hearing for this Project based on the unprecedented support for the Project by not only our Nation but by all other First Nations that are in the Local Priority Area (LPA). We stand alongside our First Nation brothers and sisters in support for this Project. By not addressing this letter as a matter of urgency, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #92 with respect to this Project and our Nation, will not be anything more than words

We wish to again confirm that our partnership with NexGen is unprecedented and this genuine Nation to industry relationship, is setting what should be considered the “Gold Standard” for other industry and government to follow for successful project development in Canada.

As caretakers of our Métis homelands, we look forward to working side by side with NexGen, the Province of Saskatchewan, the CNSC, and the Government of Canada to continue addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #92 through responsible project development.

Best Regards,

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