

June 13, 2024

To Nicole Frigault,
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Dear Nicole,

As a primary community stakeholder, Clearwater River Dene Nation ("CRDN") are proud to provide this letter confirming our full endorsement of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the Rook I Project. Informed through a long-standing engagement process with the CRDN, the final EIS that was submitted by NexGen Energy Ltd. ("NexGen") to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC"), was done so with the full understanding, involvement, support and backing from CRDN.

Full Support for the Rook I EIS

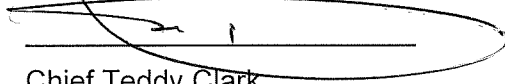
The relationship built between CRDN and NexGen has been founded on trust, transparency, respect, and accountability. It is with this genuine relationship, and NexGen's unique approach to best in class practices and to continually addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #92, that we say that CRDN fully supports the final Rook I Project EIS and we have the full confidence that NexGen has addressed all Information Requests ("IRs") from the CNSC. As a partner with NexGen, CRDN looks forward to progressing the Rook I Project in a responsible and sustainable manner with all our Nation's members for generations to come. With the Provincial environmental assessment approval in place and understanding that NexGen has addressed all IRs – including working in collaboration with our Nation to address all of our IRs, issues, and concerns – CRDN supports and is expecting the CNSC to set a Commission Hearing Date for the Rook I Project immediately. Any delay to this hearing date by the CNSC has major negative and unnecessary impacts on the positive social, environmental, and economic opportunities for our Nation, which includes direct and unprecedented employment, and contracting revenues for our Nation. These are opportunities that have never been realized by our Nation, nor by any other community in this area.

Partners in the Project

On April 22, 2022, NexGen and CRDN signed an industry-leading Impact Benefit Agreement ("IBA") that encompasses the most important principles to CRDN and its people in environmental protection and assurance, and support for cultural and traditional values. In addition to these important principles, this IBA also provides the CRDN membership with the unprecedented opportunity for meaningful consultation, environmental and cultural stewardship, employment, contracts, and sustainable financial assurance for generations to come. This IBA formalizes the respectful and meaningful relationship that CRDN and NexGen have developed over the past 10 years, which included active participation in the development and review of the EIS. Through this open, transparent, and respectful manner that NexGen engaged with our Nation, we have developed a strong relationship and solid partnership to collaboratively develop the Rook I Project in a responsible manner. For the reasons outlined above, CRDN strongly urges the CNSC and Government of Canada to approve the Project immediately to ensure the generational change that needs to occur in our community can occur.

Should you require further information on this item and file, please contact our Engagement & Impact Coordinator - John Desjarlais at 306-370-8760.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teddy Clark', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Chief Teddy Clark

cc. Council Elect
Engagement Team
CRDN Community Forum
Leigh Curyer - NXE