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Keltie Lambert:

Subject: Designation Request for the Proposed Pathways Alliance CO₂ Transportation Network and Storage Hub Project under the Amended *Impact Assessment Act*

Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2025, which was received by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) February 4, 2025, written on behalf of Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Cold Lake First Nations, Frog Lake First Nations, Heart Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation, Onion Lake Cree Nation, and Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128. The letter was regarding concerns about the suspension of the 90-day time limit for the designation request of the Pathways Alliance CO₂ Transportation Network and Storage Hub Project (the Project) under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

IAAC shared your concerns with Pathways Alliance (the Proponent) and requested more clarity on when the requested information that IAAC is seeking, to ensure informed and reasonable decision-making, could be expected to be submitted. On March 4, 2025, the Proponent sent a response letter to both IAAC and the Chiefs of the Indigenous groups that requested designation of the Project.

In its March 4, 2025 letter, the Proponent acknowledged that they do not view the suspension of the time limit as indefinite in nature, nor as an attempt to frustrate or circumvent the designation request process under the IAA, but that a comprehensive response to IAAC's request would not be possible until technical information about the storage hub component of the Project and certain provincial regulatory processes have been

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finalized. This includes, but is not limited to, the Carbon Sequestration Agreement with the Government of Alberta. Additionally, the Proponent noted that the federal designation request process is irrespective of the provincial regulatory processes and therefore does not impede the continuation of the provincial process. The Proponent commits to addressing Indigenous groups concerns in their response to the designation request.

The Proponent also noted that they would support meeting with the Indigenous groups requesting designation, and that doing so at a leadership level would be most appropriate. IAAC supports a collaborative working relationship and dialogue between the Proponent and Indigenous groups while the Project is continuing through all required regulatory processes.

The 90-day time limit for the designation request of the Project currently remains suspended until the Proponent submits the information that was requested by IAAC on December 3, 2024. IAAC remains committed to carrying out its duties under the IAA and will notify you when the requested information has been received, and the time limit has resumed. IAAC also remains available if you would like to meet and discuss anything related to the designation request process and the Proponent's response letter.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 587-341-3290 or andrew.clarke@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<sent electronically>

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