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**Written Submission from
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**Mémoire de
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In the matter of

À l'égard de

NexGen Energy Ltd.

License application to prepare a site for
and construct its Rook I uranium mine and
mill project

NexGen Energy Ltd.

Demande de permis concernant la
préparation de l'emplacement et la
construction de son projet de mine et
d'usine de concentration d'uranium Rook I

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To the Secretariat and Tribunal.

RE: Witten and Oral Intervention – NexGen Energy’s license application for site preparation and construction of the Rook 1 Uranium Mine and Mill Project

Please accept this letter as an intervention regarding the above-mentioned project. I am Indigenous (Nehinaw Metis) from Northern Saskatchewan (Cumberland House), having worked in the Resource development sector and in particular - the uranium mining and milling industry for over 20 years. In addition to this, I am a multi-generational uranium mining and milling worker and have had a successful and productive career including community impact and service because of the opportunities sized in this industry.

I am also a professional engineer, a business consultant, and a public policy advisor with considerable lived and learned experience on the deepening relationship between Indigenous communities and resource development. I continue to work and serve in the industry including on the NexGen Rook 1 project both directly in the past in my capacity as a consultant and indirectly in my work running a national Indigenous resource development advocacy organization which highlights work on positive Indigenous impact and project development like this project.

In my work, I get to see many things across the country as well as globally. This includes best practices which should be celebrated and shared. On this project I have observed such practices as:

- Establishing and prioritizing socio-economic impact to LPA (Local Priority Areas)
 - Recognizing the impact on Indigenous rights in the area including breadth and depth of impact and managing relationships appropriately.

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- Industry leading business development and engagement practices which forecasts opportunities, holds capacity partners accountable, and maximizes value returned to Indigenous impacted communities.
- Commitment to spend for line-of-sight business development including people development.
- Workforce and Community Development
 - Forecasting opportunities, and establishing training programs and scholarships well before significant project development or operation
- Sustainable and resilient relationships (Partnerships)
 - Transparent relationship built on trust, which includes meeting often – managing the relationship not just the agreements, and a commitment to staying aligned.
- Environmental co management with impacted Indigenous communities
 - Routine coordination and opportunity for input, feedback, and oversight of environmental monitoring and practices including support for independent monitoring.

For many reasons including the those mentioned above, I provide a positive intervention and support NexGen's application for license approval. I believe the CNSC's important role of ensuring high and efficient regulatory standards were upheld and NexGen Energy continue to meet and exceed regulatory and public expectations.

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JD', followed by a horizontal line.

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