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**Written Submission from the
Northern Village of La Loche**

**Mémoire de
Northern Village of La Loche**

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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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Re: Written Submission from the Northern Village of La Loche for the Rook I Project

Dear Commissioners,

The Northern Village of La Loche' (NVLL) is pleased to provide this written submission in support of the Rook I Project proposed by NexGen Energy Ltd. (NexGen).

La Loche is one of the largest municipalities in northern Saskatchewan and is located approximately 155 km south of the Rook I Project. Our community values responsible resource development that balances environmental protection, community well-being, and economic opportunity. The NVLL recognizes that major projects such as Rook I Project have the potential to contribute meaningfully when they are developed with care, transparency, and respect for northern and Indigenous communities and the challenges that these communities experience.

The NVLL acknowledges NexGen's ongoing engagement efforts with our community. We were engaged as early as 2013, when NexGen was first beginning to work in the area; since that initial meeting, we have had subsequent, frequent engagement that has allowed us to remain informed about the Rook I Project and provide us with the opportunity to ask questions, share input and perspectives, and raise our interests to NexGen. We value the early and ongoing communication and know that this communication will continue throughout the life of the Rook I Project.

The Rook I Project represents an opportunity for employment, training, and business participation for our residents and the other local communities. The NVLL views workforce development, procurement opportunities for northern businesses, and long-term economic benefits as important considerations. We have positive experiences with NexGen with respect to how they are already including our residents in local education and training programs and business opportunities. Information sessions have been hosted in our community, and our community programs continue to be supported by NexGen; there is even a NexGen office located in our community. NexGen has demonstrated that they are a part of our community and are here for the long-term. NexGen has also had a positive impact in our local schools, and together we are working together to support the future generations of La Loche. NexGen unsolicited, provided breakfast programs in all our schools and recreational programs at our local rink. We are also in ongoing infrastructure discussions to support the future of our community. These are just a few of many of the positive impacts our community has seen since NexGen began exploration north of our community. We believe that this Project will bring unprecedented positive impacts to our community, which is of utmost importance.

Environmental protection and safety are priorities for the NVLL. We understand that all regulatory requirements have been met or exceeded, and that all monitoring, mitigation, and emergency preparedness measures will be implemented and maintained for the life of the Rook I Project. We also understand that we have a direct line to NexGen should we have any questions.

Based on the information presented to date and NexGen's commitments to responsible development, the NVLL supports the Rook I Project and respectfully submits this letter for the Commission's consideration as part of the public hearing process.

Respectfully,

Mayor Lyle Herman
Northern Village of La Loche