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**Written Submission from  
Rise Air**

In the matter of

**NexGen Energy Ltd.**

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

**Commission Public Hearing**

February 2026

**Mémoire de  
Rise Air**

À l'égard de

**NexGen Energy Ltd.**

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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

**Audience publique de la Commission**

Février 2026

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**Re. Written and Oral Intervention – NexGen Rook 1 Project – In Support of the Environmental Assessment and Application for the Licence to Prepare a Site for and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill**

Rise Air is the primary air transportation provider serving the indigenous communities and mining operations in northern Saskatchewan. One hundred percent indigenous owned, our shareholders include 12 First Nations, amongst them Fond du Lac Denesuline First Nation, Black Lake Denesuline First Nation, Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation, and the communities of Camsell Portage and Uranium City. We are partnered with Buffalo River Dene Nation, which has signed an impact benefit agreement with NexGen, and Buffalo Narrows is one of the seven bases we operate across the region.

Our mission is to support the economic and social development of our shareholder and partner communities by providing medevac flights, scheduled passenger and cargo services, and workforce transportation links that enable access to meaningful jobs in the resource sector. We are ourselves a major indigenous employer that partners with community groups, the resource sector, and the federal and provincial governments to train indigenous community members to fill positions as pilots, engineers and ground staff.

We are providing this intervention in support of NexGen's application for regulatory approval for its Rook 1 project. We strongly believe this project will generate significant benefits for our shareholder and partner communities.

By adopting a rotational fly in/fly out model, NexGen will create sustainable long-term jobs that can be filled by residents who will continue to live in their home communities. This will increase direct and indirect employment that will support economic sustainability. Above all, it will help to slow down the loss of young people to jobs in the south, from where, all too often, they do not return.



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NexGen's rotational fly in/fly out model will also create more direct employment at Rise Air and our partner Buffalo River Dene Nation by increasing the number of pilots, engineers and ground staff. This increased flying activity will support investment in modernized equipment that will reduce our environmental impact and increase safety levels.

NexGen has demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement and collaboration with First Nations. That commitment will have a significant generational impact on our shareholder and partner communities over the life of the mine.

For all these reasons we believe the Rook 1 mine is in the best interests of Canada, Saskatchewan and the people who live and work in the north and urge the Commission to approve NexGen's application for a license for site preparation and construction of a uranium mine and mill.

Thank you for this opportunity to intervene on behalf of NexGen.

Yours truly,



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