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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

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,

My name is Ava Haynes, I am a second year University of Saskatchewan student from Clearwater River Dene Nation. I am submitting this letter of support as a university student, former employee, scholarship recipient, and someone who has benefited from NexGen's generosity and learning experiences. NexGen has provided me and numerous others with opportunities and experiences we otherwise would not have had. As a whole, they have always been prompt when responding to questions posed by myself and others regarding this development. Overall, I have only had positive experiences with them and fully support the NexGen Rook I Project.

I can recall, in middle school, high school and university, numerous occasions on which NexGen provided opportunities, as well as, aid to not only myself but Clearwater River Dene School and the community. They provided funds for the local hockey team, jackets and hats to the students and a breakfast program and water bottle filling station at my former school. They provided students opportunities to interact with and observe members of the Saskatoon Rush, Saskatchewan Rough Riders, and Vancouver Canucks; who all encouraged education and dedication to your passions, dreams and goals. On an even more personal level they encouraged and assisted with my middle/highschool scientific endeavors. With NexGen employees supporting the project development and attending my fairs. This allowed me to advance my research to the level needed to attend and place in the Canada Wide Science Fair. NexGen has also given me one of their numerous scholarships offered to northern students the past two years. This has allowed me to further my education and work towards my goal of attaining a Ph.D to give back to my community. Without this support a positive post secondary education experience may not have been possible due the financial stress.

In terms of employment I have worked for them the past three summers. I spent the first two as a Summer Student, this allowed me to experience various types of camp jobs improving my understanding of what it takes to operate a camp and mine of this magnitude. This past summer, after aging out of their student work program they reached out and hired

me for another role. I worked as a Site Coordinator, further expanding my resume and work experience. Through these positions I was able to interact with numerous people throughout the mining and environmental regulation industry. I was exposed to a full time camp work experience. These jobs helped to develop my work ethic and my understanding of the expectations of an employment environment. It is through these experiences provided by NexGen that I was able to come to a decision regarding my education and subsequent career aspirations.

Overall, I have only positive experiences with NexGen. They have enabled the pursuit of my educational aspirations and provided me with numerous experiences and opportunities. As well, NexGen has provided plenty of benefits to my former school and community. It is for all these reasons I am endorsing the Rook I project and encouraging its timely approval. Thank you for reviewing this submission.

Sincerely,

Ava Haynes