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Dear Mr. Janko:

I am writing regarding the suspension of the Application Review time limit pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Aurora LNG Digby Island Project (Aurora Project). On March 20, 2017, I granted the request from Nexen Energy ULC (Nexen) to suspend the 180-day time limit for the Application Review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Aurora Project in order to allow Nexen additional time to respond to the comments received from the working group, Aboriginal groups and the public.

I understand that Nexen has participated in topic-specific, technical working group sessions and other meetings with selected working group members during the time-limit suspension, as directed by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO). The purpose of these sessions was to inform the final responses from Nexen to the issues raised during the review of the Application by the public and the working group. Nexen provided the EAO the complete and final package of responses on June 6, 2017.

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The EAO has reviewed the responses provided by Nexen, and considered the responses in relation to the two required deliverables and associated engagement activities set out in my March 20, 2017 letter. I am satisfied that the responses provided by Nexen meet these requirements and I am, therefore, lifting the suspension effective today, at day 70 of the Application Review period. The materials you have provided for the purposes of the assessment, along with all public and working group comments and notes from the recent technical working group meetings, have been posted to the EAO's website.

I would like to note that while the EAO has determined that Nexen has meaningfully responded to all comments received to date, this does not necessarily mean that all issues in relation to the EA of the Aurora Project have been satisfactorily resolved. I encourage Nexen to continue to work with the EAO, and to continue to engage with government agencies, Aboriginal groups and stakeholders, to fully understand any outstanding concerns the groups may have and to seek potential resolution.

If you have any questions related to this letter, please contact Nathan Braun, Executive Project Director, at 250 356-1124 or [Nathan.Braun@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nathan.Braun@gov.bc.ca).

With very best regards,



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