



March 13, 2017

Ms. Erin Thomson
Environment and Regulatory Affairs
Nexen Energy ULC
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Calgary, AB
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Dear Ms. Thomson:

Re: Nexen Eastern Newfoundland Offshore Geophysical, Geochemical, Environmental and Geotechnical Program 2018 - 2027 Environmental Assessment

In accordance with Section 138(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act* and based on the information presented in the “*Nexen Energy ULC Eastern Newfoundland Offshore Geophysical, Geochemical, Environmental and Geotechnical Program (2018-2027)*” (Amec Foster Wheeler February 1, 2017), the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that an environmental assessment is required for the proposed offshore seismic, wellsite, geochemical, geotechnical and environmental programs.

The C-NLOPB has determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 2 of the Scoping Document,

The C-NLOPB formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to Nexen Energy ULC, the project proponent.

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided review comments. These comments have been consolidated and are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report. The C-NLOPB encourages the proponent to visit the project webpage <http://www.cnlopb.ca/assessments/nexenergy.php> to review the individual submissions.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at dhicks@cnlopb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by Darren Hicks

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Attachments

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