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Subject: Kebaowek First Nation's (KFN's) Request to Extend Submission Date for Procedural Directive Re: CNL's Application to Construct a Near Surface Disposal Facility

Dear President Velshi,

On 2022 December 14, the CNSC Registrar hosted a case management conference to have affected parties express their views on KFN's request to extend the submission date for the Procedural Directive. On 2022 December 15, the CEOs of AECL and CNL met with the Chief of the KFN in person at KFN's office in Kebaowek to continue the discussion on KFN's request. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that AECL and CNL support KFN's request to extend the submission date to 2023 April 30, and support KFN's request for an oral hearing.

During the case management conference, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation (KZA) expressed a similar intent to submit a formal request to extend their submission date to 2023 April 30. If KZA does submit a request for extension to 2023 April 30, AECL and CNL would also support such a request.

We appreciate your consideration of our position when reviewing KFN's and KZA's requests for extension.

Best Regards,



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