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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
640 - 5 Avenue S.W.
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ATTENTION: Mr. Gary D. Perkins, Board Counsel



Dear Mr. Perkins:

**RE: General Bulletin 2003-28
Bitumen Conservation Requirements
Athabasca Wabiskaw-McMurray
Phase 3 Final Proceeding
Proceeding No. 1347905**

The Board, by its letter dated May 20, 2005, has requested comments on the order in which participants will present their evidence at the Phase III Final Proceeding. There are a number of parties that are in the position of applicants. Nexen notes that the SSG is prepared to put up its' panel of witnesses first. Nexen is in agreement with this proposal, and suggests that SSG should be followed by Paramount Energy Operating Corp. ("Paramount"). The SSG and Paramount, of the parties to this hearing, have challenged the most number of wells. Following Paramount, it is Nexen's suggestion that the order of presentation be based on the number of wells/intervals that have been challenged, i.e. from most to least.

Nexen currently does not have any timing issues with witnesses. In saying this, Nexen has assumed that the hearing will not be unduly protracted.

Yours truly,

NEXEN INC.

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Interested Parties