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

Dear Mr. Perkins:

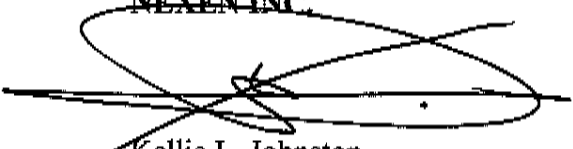
**RE: General Bulletin 2003-28  
Bitumen Conservation Requirements  
Athabasca Wabiskaw-McMurray  
Phase 3 Final Proceeding  
Proceeding No. 1347905**

Nexen is in receipt of the Board's letter of June 17, 2005, inviting parties to respond to Paramount Energy Operating Corporations's (PEOC) letter stating that it intends to reference new material in its direct evidence, and PEOC's June 20, 2005 reply to the Board on this issue.

It is Nexen's view that a pre-hearing procedure was set by the Board. Nexen will assess PEOC's evidence-in-chief and respond more fully once this has been reviewed.

Yours truly,

~~NEXEN INC.~~



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cc: Interested Parties