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Attention: Pauline de Jong, Regulator OROGO

**Re: Request for Extension of Deadline for Abandonment of the Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1475),
Tweed Lake A-67 (WID1555) and Bele O-35 (WID1600) Wells (OA-2021-003-SUN)**

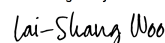
Dear Madam:

Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor) is requesting to extend the deadline for the Abandonment of the Tweed Lake M-47, Tweed Lake A-67 and Bele O-35 wells to March 31st, 2025. Over the last two years, Suncor has been working with communities in the Sahtu Region to develop a resourcing plan to meet regulatory requirements and ensure benefits to the local communities by complying with the Benefits Plan. We currently do not have a viable civil construction option from the K'ahsho Got'ine District, which impacts our project schedule to deliver safe and reliable operations by March 31, 2024.

Suncor remains committed to working with OROGO and local communities in completing the abandonment of these wells as required.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

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Attachment: Rationale Document

Request:

Suncor Energy Inc. ("Suncor") is formally requesting OROGO's consideration of an extension to the abandonment deadline for the Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1475), Tweed Lake A-67 (WID1555) and Bele O-35 (WID1600) Wells (OA-2021-003-SUN) to March 31st, 2025.

Rationale:

Suncor has been working with the local communities on this project over the last two years to ensure benefits to the communities and compliance to the Benefits Plan. When possible, Suncor will endeavour to procure equipment and services from local communities in the vicinity of the project area (K'ahsho Got'ine District within the Sahtu Region).

Suncor has been engaging with the following organizations to obtain a satisfactory resourcing plan:

- K'ahsho Got'ine Land Corporation
 - Behdzi Ahda' First Nation / Ayoni Keh Land Corporation
 - Fort Good Hope Dene Band / Yamoga Land Corporation
 - Fort Good Hope Metis Nation Local #54 Land Corporation

Up until a few months ago, the Behdzi Ahda' First Nation / Ayoni Keh Land Corporation had a civil construction partnership that Suncor was looking to utilize that could provide the necessary resourcing support required for the well abandonments. Unfortunately, that civil construction partnership has been dissolved leaving Suncor with no viable civil construction options from the K'ahsho Got'ine District at this current time.

Suncor requires substantial resourcing support to plan and execute our operations safely. A delay of one year will provide an opportunity for K'ahsho Got'ine Land Corporation and applicable businesses located in adjacent communities (Tulita & Deline) to better understand Suncor's requirements and submit a proposal.

Suncor's EH&S Policy – Safety Above All Else

Suncor is looking forward to collaborating with local contractors that are interested in pursuing procurement opportunities so as to ensure that such contractors meet or exceed our commitment to a healthy and safe workplace. Suncor's Supply Chain and EH&S processes include contractors' pre-qualification requirements, EH&S plan development, a review of safe work practices, process and procedures that exceed industry best practices. The pre-qualification and review process could take up to 12 months to complete.

Tentative Operations Schedule

- Mobilization of early works equipment in February 2024
- Start of Winter Construction November 2024 (weather dependent)
- Well Abandonment January 2025



Safety, Environmental Protection & Conservation of Oil & Gas Resources

Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1475), Tweed Lake A-67 (WID1555) and Bele O-35 (WID1600) wells are suspended Level II exploratory wells. Based on the Revised Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation notes, inspection frequency is every 5 years.

All three wells were inspected in summer 2019 with reports submitted to OROGO without concerns. Based on reports and Suncor's interpretation, the safety and environmental risk in relation to these wells continues to be very low.