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Natural Resources Conservation Board
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Attention: Laura Friend

Dear Madam:

**Re: Alberta Transportation - Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project
NRCB Application 1701**

Further to above captioned matter, please find attached the *Springbank Off-Stream Project Preliminary Design Report* (“**PDR**”). The attached is a further iteration of the *Interim Design Report* which was filed with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (“**Board**”) in November 2017.

The attached PDR represents the most current overview of the project design, in light of additional data, stakeholder outreach and regulatory input, all of which has been received since 2017. These updates reflect expected changes in the development of a major project. Further, any changes in design that have the potential for environmental impacts have been considered and already addressed as part of the Supplemental Information Request (“**SIR**”) process in the introduction to Alberta Transportation’s responses to Round 2 SIRs dated June 23, 2020.

Final design will be set following the conclusion of the regulatory process and review and approval by the appropriate provincial bodies. Alberta Transportation continues to monitor the construction costs of the project. As noted in its June 14, 2019 letter to the NRCB, final

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construction costs are determined by final project design, the procurement of a contractor, and would be subject to regulatory conditions.

To facilitate review of the PDR, we attach a short memo comparing the 2017 Interim Design Report and current PDR. In addition, we are filing appendices "A" and "G" together with the main body of the PDR. Should the Board or any of the Interveners wish to review those appendices not included herein, Alberta Transportation would be happy to make them available. We note these appendices provide very technical engineering level detail and are extensive

Should the Board have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kruhlak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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