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APPLICANTS	SABRINA DYKSTRA, JILL FORRESTER, RYAN HEISE, KAYLA HOPKINS, LYNN OLIPHANT, HAROLD PEXA, AMY SNIDER, and CLIMATE JUSTICE SASKATOON ORGANIZATION INC.
RESPONDENTS	SASKATCHEWAN POWER CORPORATION, CROWN INVESTMENTS CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN, and THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT HAROLD PEXA

I, HAROLD PEXA, of the City of SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, MAKE OATH AND SAY (or AFFIRM):

1. I have personal knowledge of the statements and facts deposed to in this Affidavit, except where stated to be on information learned from someone else, and where so stated, I verily believe the information to be true.

2. I am 65 years old, and I currently reside in the City of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

3. I was born in Saskatoon and have lived here all my life. I retired from my position as a telecom technical operations manager in 2011.

4. I have read extensively on climate change and continue to do so on a daily basis. I know that dangerous climate change is almost entirely the result of human activity, chiefly caused by the burning of fossil fuels. Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution human activity has caused an approximate 50% rise in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, but also the release of nitrous oxide to the atmosphere from the use of nitrogen-based fertilizer in agriculture, as well as methane, mostly from oil and gas production. These greenhouse gases (GHGs) trap excess heat from solar radiation in the Earth's atmosphere, intensifying the greenhouse effect, which has raised the average global temperature by around 1.2 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times, causing temperature extremes and increased frequency and severity of serious weather events around the world, which we are presently witnessing daily.

5. As GHG emissions continue to rise with increasing rapidity, experts tell us that we can expect to break the internationally agreed-upon limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius (as stated in the 2015 Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to which Canada is a signatory) within the next few years, and to go beyond 2 degrees Celsius in decades at most, which will be catastrophic for the quality of human life and will render large parts of the Earth uninhabitable, and could very well lead to runaway heating of the planet. As the 2-degree threshold is passed, the breakdown of civilization becomes a very real possibility, and even the survival of the human species would be in serious doubt as average global temperature continues to rise.

6. As I have become increasingly aware of the effects of climate change and its implications for our future on this planet, I have felt increasing anxiety and stress on an almost constant basis.

7. Knowing that the scientific evidence is now incontrovertible, and that the severe effects of climate change are manifesting themselves much sooner than had been predicted by most scientists only a few years ago, combined with observing a virtually total absence of substantive action on the part of most governments to abate carbon emissions, makes me feel hopeless and doomed.

8. The government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower (among others) fought all the way to the Supreme Court against even the woefully inadequate mitigation effort of the federal government's pollution pricing policy, while planning to build new natural gas fired electrical power generation facilities with no carbon capture capability whatsoever. These actions make me feel like the Respondents are wilfully dragging us into a headlong rush to destruction instead of doing what they can to save us from the worst effects of climate change.

9. This unrelenting anxiety is having negative effects on my mental health, and I am beginning to find it difficult to imagine how I will have a normal life in the future if increasing droughts and crop failures cause food price inflation to continue to rise, even to the point of inflicting hardship on many people, if not causing outright shortages of basic food items.

10. I also fear that governments will be unable to continue to provide many of the services that we depend on, especially medical services as we age, because of the increasing uninsured losses from climate disasters such as droughts and floods that they will be attempting to cover through disaster assistance plans.

11. My greatest anxiety, however, is due to my fear for the future of my twenty-one-year-old daughter. I can't bear to think of her life becoming a daily struggle for mere survival when her mother and I are no longer living. Not being able to know what her life might be like in such a hostile and uncertain world when I'm gone is worse for me than the thought of my own death. I know that even she is acutely aware of this uncertainty, because when I asked her a couple of years ago whether she had

any concerns about her newly acquired tattoos fading as she aged, she said that she wasn't worried, because she didn't expect to get old. When I asked her what she meant, she just replied, "Well, you know - climate change and all", which was crushingly depressing for me to hear.

12. I have not yet sought any mental health interventions, but I know that getting counselling in the very near future will be a necessity for me, because severe climate change related events unfolding daily in the world now are increasing my anxiety, and I see no evidence of any serious attempts at mitigation, whether here in Saskatchewan or elsewhere. I am losing sleep over it, and it dominates my thoughts daily.

13. At a less immediately serious level, I became aware that insurance premiums on my house have risen far beyond the rate of inflation in the past several years. When I inquired with my insurance company as to the reason for this after the first sharp jump, since I had been claim free for many years, they advised me that it was due to increased payouts across the country due to more frequent and extreme weather events resulting from climate change. I am confident that the rise in my insurance premiums will continue to outpace inflation, especially if I am forced to make substantial claims for extreme weather-related damages caused by climate change.

14. I am now planning for the installation of a backflow prevention valve in my basement to prevent flooding from the torrential rains that I know we can expect over the next few years. Extreme rainfall events will become more intense than the worst rainstorm of the summer of 2022 that caused serious flooding and property damage at the end of my street.

15. Because I know that the wildfire season in the Northern Hemisphere is starting earlier and ending later every year now, and that wildfires are becoming larger and more frequent, I have decided to sell to my sibling my equal share in a cabin which has been in our family for nearly half a century. Since it is located in Saskatchewan's Boreal Forest in an area that has had two large nearby burns in the past four decades already, and the chance of the entire area burning is now much higher than ever and is continuing to rise, I have decided that I could not psychologically cope with the heartbreak of dealing with my late parents' long time retreat being destroyed along with the forest that surrounds it - a forest where trees grow back exceedingly slowly over many decades. I know that even the local cabin owners' association understands the threat, because only recently, in the past couple of years, they have hired a contractor to clear deadwood from the forest in the resort subdivision to reduce the fire fuel load and risk.

16. I make this Affidavit in support of the Originating Application along with the other co-applicants, anticipated to be filed early 2023, and for no unlawful purpose.

SWORN (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME
at, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,
this 20th day of March,
2023.

Commissioner for Oaths
for Saskatchewan
Being a Solicitor

(signature)