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To whom it may concern;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Growth Alberta Partnership, I am pleased to provide this letter to Kiwetinohk Energy Corp (KEC) in support of the Black Bear Power Plant (BBPP).

The Growth Alberta Partnership (GAP) is one of nine Regional Economic Development Alliances (REDAs) at work in Alberta. While not bound by geography, GAP operates in an area loosely defined by the collective boundaries of Big Lakes, Lac Ste. Anne and Woodlands Counties.

BBPP's proposed site sits some 19km south of the Town of Swan Hills, one of our member communities, and represents an economy-changing opportunity for that town and other regional partners. Employment opportunities during the construction phase will be a boon to the local economy and, once operational, the permanent positions will provide long-term, stable employment for many skilled workers.

Diversification of key industries is critical to the prosperity of the entire province. Projects like BBPP afford communities such as Swan Hills a chance to thrive and ensure long-term sustainability. And the benefits to the greater region cannot be over-stated.

GAP and its partners welcome this first-of-a-kind project and the opportunities it promises, and we look forward to witnessing the success of Kiwetinohk Energy Corp. in our region.

Kind regards,

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Janet Jabush Board Chair Growth Alberta Partnership