

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Atkins Benjamin</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NEXTDECADE CORPORATION</u> <u>3 WATERWAY SQUARE PLACE</u>  (Street) <u>THE</u> <u>WOODLANDS TX 77380</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/24/2017</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NextDecade Corp. [ NEXT ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>92,623</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

**Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Krysta De Lima, Attorney-in-Fact 07/28/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel of NextDecade Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto (the "Company"), as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended, the "Exchange Act") or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of the Company, with the SEC, any national securities exchange and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information of transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (4) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorneys-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorneys-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorneys-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorneys-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) neither the Company nor such attorneys-in-fact assumes any liability for the undersigned's responsibility or failure to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act, including without limitation for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby ratifies all that such attorneys-in-fact, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of July, 2017.

/s/ Ben Atkins

Signature

By: Ben Atkins

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