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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2011-0140 Ontario Energy Board Electricity Transmission Infrastructure:
The East-West Tie Line**

Since we wrote to you in this matter on October 18, 2011, the National Chief's Office on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (NCO) and Chiefs of Ontario (COO) are pleased to note that, among the transmitters who have expressed an interest in this designation, there is at least one that has significant First Nations involvement.

As mentioned in our letter, a main theme of NCO and COO's participation before the Board is to support participation by First Nations in Ontario's energy generation, transmission and distribution industries.

From a practical point of view, given the First Nations involvement, this proceeding offers an early opportunity to achieve these aims.

Our letter has already noted:

- Minister Duguid's requirement that the Board take into account "the significance of Aboriginal participation to the transmission project"
- the need to eradicate, by affirmative action and otherwise, the systemic discrimination that has prevented the ability of First Nations in Ontario from participating fully in Ontario's energy generation, transmission and distribution industries.

These issues are integral elements of this designation process and any proceeding before the Board related to it.

On this basis and without prejudice otherwise to the matters raised in our letter of October, 18, 2011, NCO and COO withdraw their procedural objection to this designation for the East-West Tie proceeding independently of the IPSP process.

On the same basis, NCO and COO reserve the right to participate as intervenors in any proceeding relating to the designation process for the East-West Tie..

Yours truly



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