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**BY E-MAIL**

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**To: All Electricity Transmitters Registered for the East-West Tie Line**

**Re: Board File Number: EB-2011-0140  
Information Package on the East-West Tie Line**

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Thank you for registering your interest in the designation process for the East-West Tie Line. This letter sets out additional information and announces an informational meeting for registered transmitters.

### ***The Designation Process***

As described in the Ontario Energy Board's policy *Framework for Transmission Project Development Plans* a designation process is a hearing of the Board, convened to identify a licensed transmitter who will be entitled to recover its prudently incurred development costs for a specific transmission project. Development costs begin when a transmitter is designated and end when a leave to construct application is submitted. The designated transmitter will also be able to recover its cost of becoming designated. Unsuccessful applicants will not.

As the Board stated in its policy, "the designation process of the Board is not a procurement process where the end result is a contract." This transmitter designation process is not a tender call nor does it commit the Board in any way to designate a transmitter to undertake development work.

### ***The East-West Tie Line Project***

Attached to this letter are two packages of information intended to define the project that is the subject of this designation process. Attachment 1 is a description of the scope of the East-West Tie Line for the purposes of designation. Attachment 2 is a document of Minimum Technical Requirements for the Reference Option of the East-West Tie Line that provides minimum requirements for one possible solution for expanding the East-West Tie. These requirements should be used in costing any potential application for designation.

***Planning Meeting and Next Steps***

Board staff will convene a meeting at the Board's offices on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor of 2300 Yonge Street on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 9:30 am, to discuss with the registered transmitters the filing of plans and the process for the evaluation of plans. This meeting is for registered transmitters. Other stakeholders will have other opportunities to participate in the process.

In order to attend this first meeting, you must respond with your company's name, and the name, email and telephone number of each representative attending from your company, to [East-West.Tie.Line@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca](mailto:East-West.Tie.Line@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca). This is to ensure that the meeting facilities are adequate for the attendees expected.

***Information on the Board's website***

Documents related to this process are available for public inspection on the Board's website<sup>1</sup> and at the office of the Board during normal business hours.

***Contact***

Please contact Laurie Reid at 416-440-7623 or by e-mail at [East-West.Tie.Line@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca](mailto:East-West.Tie.Line@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca) with any questions. The Ontario Energy Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Attachments:       Project Definition for Designation for the East-West Tie Line  
                          Minimum Technical Requirements for the Reference Option of the  
                          East-West Tie Line

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Policy+Initiatives+and+Consultations/East-West+Transmission+Tie+Line>