



January 27th, 2012

Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Board Members:

Re: Consultation requirements for the East West Tie Transmission Project

I understand that the Ontario Energy Board is soon to announce the commencement of the designation process for the purposes of designating an Ontario electricity transmitter to develop and possibly construct a high voltage transmission line from Wawa to Thunder Bay. Energy supply to the Northwest is vitally important, and to this end, I wish the Board success in this very complicated undertaking.

However, I am taking this opportunity to voice my objection to the aboriginal consultation requirements for this project as outlined by the Ontario Power Authority. I understand that a list has been provided to Board staff by the OPA identifying a number of communities that the designated transmitter will be required to consult in the development of this project.

A key element of consultation between the Crown and First Nations is to identify impacts of resource development activities on the traditional uses of lands/resources of area First Nations. It is important to note that proposed East West Tie transmission project is a planned development that will occur entirely within the boundaries of the Robinson Superior Area. As such, *no impact on traditional or aboriginal use can exist* to First Nations outside the Robinson Superior Area. Therefore, no requirement for consultation exists between the Crown and First Nations outside the Robinson Superior Area.

I am requesting that the aboriginal consultation requirements be modified to ensure only those First Nations within the boundaries of the Robinson Superior Treaty Area are consulted as part of the East West Tie Project.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

Chief Roy Michano

c.c. The Honorable Chris Bentley, Ontario Minister of Energy
The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
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