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Dear Ms. Godby:

**Re: Request for Board Direction to OPA
East-West Tie Designation Proceeding (EB-2011-0140)**

The Board has considered your letter dated April 30, 2012, written on behalf of your client Pic River First Nation ("PRFN"). The letter requests that the Board direct the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") to provide information and verification pertaining to the OPA's consultation activities to date with Aboriginal communities. Your letter indicates that such information had been requested from the OPA on March 29, 2012 and that, as of April 30, 2012, PRFN has not received any documentation from the OPA in response to its request.

Effective consultation is critical to the success of the development of the East - West Tie line. The Board agrees that a record of the OPA's Aboriginal consultation activities to date would be useful information for the record of this proceeding at this time, in that it can inform parties' submissions on the issues and filing requirements associated with consultation and the preparation of plans for consultation. However, the question of whether the OPA's consultation to date has been sufficient is not before the Board.

Your letter also requests the production of any "advice of the Crown that the OPA's consultation activities were completed". It is not clear to the Board that this "advice" exists. If the OPA has received such advice, it would be helpful to confirm this as part of the May 7 filing directed by this letter.

In conclusion, for the reasons stated above, the Board directs the OPA to file with the Board, as part of a submission or otherwise, a record of its Aboriginal consultation activities to date, regarding the East-West Tie line project, with copies to all intervenors in this proceeding, by May 7, 2012. This filing should include an explanation of the nature of the consultation activities carried out (e.g. meetings, letters) and feedback received from the communities consulted.

All parties will have a chance to respond to the OPA's submission, as well as other parties' submissions by May 16, 2012, as per the directions in Procedural Order 2.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c. All Intervenors