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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

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Dear Ms. Walli:

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**Re: East-West Tie Line Transmitter Designation Proceeding
Métis Nation of Ontario Interrogatories for all Applicants
OEB File No. EB-2011-0140**

Honourary Counsel:

Arthur C. Pape
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We are counsel for the Métis Nation of Ontario in the abovementioned proceeding. We enclose our client's Interrogatories to be posed to each prospective transmitter in connection with Phase II of the proceeding.

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If you require anything further please contact me at 416-916-2989 or via email at jmadden@pstlaw.ca.

Yours very truly,



Jason Madden

Enc.

c.c. All Parties in EB-2011-0140

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INTERROGATORY #1

Ref: Encouraging Partnerships with First Nations and Métis Communities in New Transmission Projects (Long Term Energy Plan, p. 49)

- A) How does your proposal achieve the Ontario Government policy objective of encouraging commercially feasible partnerships with First Nations and Métis communities whose traditional territories will be directly crossed by the East West Tie project? Please explain this in context of First Nations as well as Métis communities.
- B) Does your proposal allow interested Métis communities whose traditional territories will be crossed by the East West Tie route the opportunity to engage in discussions that could lead to a commercially feasible partnership in relation to the project?
- C) Please explain the process by which you expect to engage Métis communities, including the timing of engagement relative to a decision on designation, expectations respecting terms of a possible partnership, and any limitations on potential partnership opportunities.
- D) If your proposal does not allow interested Métis communities whose traditional territories will be crossed by the East West Tie route the opportunity to engage in discussions that could lead to a commercially feasible partnership, explain why not.

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INTERROGATORY #2

Ref: First Nation and Métis Participation, Filing Requirements, Section 3.1, Bullet 3 Opportunities for First Nation and Métis communities in New Transmission Projects (Long Term Energy Plan, p. 49)

- A) Please provide a detailed explanation of expected benefits to Métis communities that will result from your proposed First Nation and Métis Participation Plan for the East-West Tie project.

- B) Please explain the process by which Métis communities will be engaged to identify, develop and implement potential benefits.

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INTERROGATORY #3

Ref: Opportunities for First Nation and Métis Communities in New Transmission Projects (Long Term Energy Plan, p. 49)

- A. Consistent with the direction in the Long Term Energy Plan, please explain how the following benefits and opportunities related to the East West Tie project will be explored with Métis communities:
- i. Provide job training and skills upgrading to encourage employment on the transmission project development and construction.
 - ii. Further Métis employment on the project.
 - iii. Enable Métis participation in the procurement of supplies and contractor services.

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INTERROGATORY #4

Ref: Consultation with First Nation and Métis Communities, Filing Requirements, Section 10.1

- A. Does your Consultation Plan treat engagement with First Nations and Métis communities whose traditional territories will both be crossed by the proposed East-West Tie route on an equivalent basis? Where there are differences in the proposed engagement between First Nations and Métis communities and please explain and provide justification for the disparity.

- B. If there are differences in approach to engagement between First Nations and Métis communities in your Consultation Plan, have those aspects of the Plan been discussed with identified Métis communities? If so, please provide details of conversations and/or meetings, including a summary of issues discussed and minutes or notes if available.

- C. If there are differences in approach to engagement between First Nations and Métis communities in your Consultation Plan, does the Plan consider the possibility of challenges in developing good relationships with Métis communities, delays in the ability to undertake procedural aspects of consultation with Métis communities, or the lack of support for the project by Métis communities? If there are disparities and the Consultation Plan does not consider these potential challenges, please explain how you will deal with these possibilities.

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INTERROGATORY #5

Ref: Filing Requirements, Section 10.2

- A. Please outline and provide examples of relevant experience the applicant has in undertaking procedural aspects of consultation with Métis communities in the context of the development, construction or operation of a transmission line or other large scale construction projects.