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Re: EB-2018-0190 - Wataynikaneyap Power Leave-to -Construct Application - Line to Pickle Lake and Remote Connection Lines – Recommended and Supported Scope

The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is writing to confirm that the Line to Pickle Lake and the Remote Connection Lines, for which Wataynikaneyap Power LP (“WPLP”) is seeking leave-to-construct approval, are consistent with the scope recommended and supported by the IESO.

On July 20, 2016, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by Order in Council, directed the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”), pursuant to section 28.6.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to amend the electricity transmission licence conditions of WPLP to develop and seek approvals for the Line to Pickle Lake and the Remotes Connection Project (“Remote Connection Lines”). The directive further mandated that “[t]he development of the Line to Pickle Lake shall accord with the scope recommended by the Independent Electricity System Operator” and, with regard to the Remotes Connection Project, “...[t]he development of these transmission lines shall accord with the scope supported by the Independent Electricity System Operator.”

On October 13, 2016, the IESO issued a report to the OEB, *Recommended Scope for the New Line to Pickle Lake and Supported Scope for the Remotes Connection Project* (“Scope Report”), defining the recommended and supported scope for these components of WPLP’s project.

Based on the IESO’s review of WPLP’s leave-to-construct application and evidence, the IESO confirms that the proposed Line to Pickle Lake and Remote Connection Lines are consistent with the scope recommended and supported by the IESO in the Scope Report. Of particular note:

- The proposed project includes the required community connections, has the required load meeting capability and makes the required connections to the existing system.
- The transmission line design and station configurations have been developed with a view to minimizing costs for the facilities, having regard to technical and other factors (i.e. the degree of redundancy built into WPLP’s proposed design is reasonable and the facilities are not built to an unnecessarily high standard).

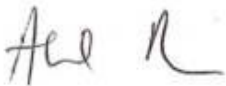
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- Sufficient progress has been made for facilitating the necessary backup supply for the applicable communities.
- WPLP's proposed design does not limit future connections to the IESO-controlled grid, including connection of remote communities that are economic to connect.
- WPLP confirms in their leave-to-construct application that the requirements in the System Impact Assessment and the Transmission System Code will be met.

Yours truly



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