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Re: EB-2017-0182; EB-2017-0194; EB-2017-0364 – Upper Canada Transmission Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. East-West Tie Line Project and Lake Superior Link Project Combined Hearing
IESO Interrogatories to Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (OA NextBridge Infrastructure)

On August 13, 2018, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued Procedural Order No. 1 combining the Upper Canada Transmission Inc. application (“NextBridge-EWT Application”) and the Hydro One Networks Inc. application (“Hydro One-LSL Application”) for leaves to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario.

Procedural Order No. 2 of the combined hearing, issued August 27, 2018, allows OEB staff and intervenors to file written interrogatories posed to NextBridge “*that will facilitate comparison of the NextBridge-EWT Application and Hydro One-LSL Application*” by August 30, 2018.

Attached therefore, are the IESO’s written interrogatories to NextBridge.

As required, the IESO’s interrogatories have been filed through the OEB’s Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS), and two paper copies are attached.

Sincerely



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cc: All intervenors in EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364
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**WRITTEN INTERROGATORIES OF THE WRITTEN INTERROGATORIES
OF THE INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR (IESO)
TO UPPER CANADA TRANSMISSION INC. (NEXTBRIDGE)**

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Reference:

EB-2017-0182 - NextBridge letter of May 3, 2018, page 1 responding to OEB Procedural Order No. 3 dated April 27, 2018;

EB-2017-0364 - Transcript Volume: Motion Hearing, dated June 5, 2018, page 92.

Preamble:

In the references above, NextBridge states that an OEB decision on the Leave to Construct application is needed by July 2018. In the referenced transcript, NextBridge states *“that there’s a one-month float within that schedule. So that’s the timeframe by which NextBridge is looking for approval in order to meet a 2020 in-service date”*. It is now past that decision date and the “one-month float” date and the OEB’s schedule outlined in Procedural Order No. 1 on the combined hearing shows that the proceeding will not completed until well after NextBridge’s requested date. Given this new schedule, please answer the following questions:

- (a) If the OEB approves NextBridge’s leave to construct application by the end of 2018, will NextBridge still able to meet its 2020 in-service date? If not, what is NextBridge’s proposed new in-service date for the East-West Tie Project?
- (b) If the OEB does not approve NextBridge’s leave to construct application until Q1 2019, or not until the end of Q1 2019, will NextBridge still able to meet its 2020 in-service date? If not, what is NextBridge’s proposed new in-service date for the East-West Tie Project?
- (c) What is the impact to the in-service date if the OEB decision is later than Q1 2019?