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**By Email ([boardsec@oeb.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.ca))**

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Attn.: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Lake Superior Link Transmission Project**  
- **Section 1: Thunder Bay to Nipigon**  
- **Ontario Energy Board files: EB 2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364**

Thank you for your letter enclosing Procedural Order No. 4 on Combined Hearing allowing the East Loon Lake Campers' Association ("ELLCA") to be an intervenor in these applications.

These are the interrogatories of the ELLCA.

The *Ontario Energy Board Act* sets out in s.96(2) the factors to be considered in these 2 applications before the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB"), being

“... the Board shall only consider the following when, under subsection (1), it considers whether the construction, expansion or reinforcement of the electricity transmission line or electricity distribution line, or the making of the interconnection, is in the public interest:

1. The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service.
2. Where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources. 2009, c. 12, Sched. D, s. 16.

The ELLCA and its members are consumers of electricity and these Interrogatories are focused on the OEB granting permission to construct the East-West Tie Line (“EWT”) to the applicant which delivers the lowest cost construction while meeting the Government of Ontario’s (“Ontario”) best practices for integrating the least impact on the landowners and public affected by the construction.

Nextbridge moved the EWT Line to the valley north of Loon Lake, Municipality of Shuniah (“Loon Lake”) (the “alternate route”) after considering the environmental and viewscape impacts on the residents and owners at and near Loon Lake.

Hydro One’s proposal continues on the original route near Loon Lake proposed by Nextbridge (the “original route”). The original route doubles the current transmission line and poses environmental concerns and viewscape impacts to the residents and owners at and near Loon Lake.

### **ELLCA Interrogatories**

1. How does the Hydro One route compare in terms of cost and Right of Way (“ROW”) impact, to the Nextbridge Route (see map on Page 9 of Hydro One Report) where they show alternatives but ignore Nextbridge route’s – which is clearly a viable alternative as determined by Nextbridge (i.e. there are no fundamental barriers to the alternate route).
2. Why has Hydro One not agreed to move to the alternate route in light Nextbridge’s move to the alternate route in response to stakeholder feedback in the Loon Lake area?
3. If Hydro One considered the alternate route what was the rationale, cost and public interest values, for rejecting the alternate route?
4. What are Hydro One’s cost differences between the original route and the alternate route?
5. What is the ROW acreage for the original route and the alternate route?
6. The viewscape impact of the original route has a cost to the public in loss of property values, recreational use and tourism. What towers and line can be seen from the shores and waters of Loon Lake for the original route?
7. Has Hydro One factored into their economic costing the loss of property values, recreational use and tourism, from the original route? What were those cost values?

The ELLCA will likely have follow up questions in response to the answers from these Interrogatories?

Yours truly,

*Tracey Dundas*  
*for*

Thomas F. Beasley

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