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September 27, 2018

Mr. Keith P. Hobbs
Mayor

And

Mr. Joe Virdiramo
Chair
Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee

City of Thunder Bay
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay ON P7E 5V3

Dear Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Virdiramo:

**Re: East-West Tie Line Leave to Construct
Ontario Energy Board File Numbers EB-2017-0182 | EB-2017-0194 |
EB-2017-0364**

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 21, 2018 expressing concern regarding the timeline for obtaining a decision in respect of NextBridge's application for leave to construct the East-West Tie transmission line.

As you are aware, a Procedural Order was issued on August 13, 2018 that makes provision for a combined hearing of that application with Hydro One Networks Inc.'s application for leave to construct the Lake Superior Link and establishes a schedule for the efficient and timely completion of the combined hearing.

Since the case to which you refer is currently a live proceeding, with an assigned panel of Board members, your letter will be placed on the record of the proceeding for consideration by the Board panel.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides customers with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c: The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines/Minister of Indigenous
Affairs