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Ms. Tidmarsh,

As a follow up to your September 25, 2018 email requesting a status update on the ministry review for the amended East-West Tie project environmental assessment, please accept this letter.

With the ministry's assessment of the amended environmental assessment now complete, the review has been finalized and is in the process of being prepared for publication. As the proposed undertaking is located in a designated French language service area, the review must be translated prior to printing. It is anticipated that following translation, formatting for accessibility and printing, the review should be ready to be made public by the end of October for a five-week public inspection period. The commencement of the inspection period will be signalled by the ministry with the issuance of a 'Notice of Completion'.

As you are aware, the review itself is not the decision-making mechanism. The Minister considers the conclusions of the review and comments received on the review when making a decision.

I understand that you have ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities regarding the project and are currently discussing the opportunity for communities to participate in the Aboriginal Consultation Advisory Board. I encourage you to continue these important discussions as the ministry moves forward with its review. The ministry will also be reaching out to the communities during the review inspection period.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (416) 314-7967 or by electronic email at Annamaria.Cross@Ontario.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Cross", written over a horizontal line.

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