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December 14, 2018

Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP
Application for leave to construct transmission lines and associated
facilities in northwestern Ontario
Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2018-0190
Request for supplemental interrogatories**

In accordance with Procedural Order No.1, Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. (Wataynikaneyap Power) filed responses to interrogatories on December 3, 2018.

OEB staff has reviewed the responses and has some follow-up questions on matters such as system reliability, quality of service, and costs. OEB staff notes that the reliability of the proposed transmission system is lower than that of the existing diesel generation system, and that the record is unclear in terms of the reliability of the transmission system plus the back-up power system. OEB staff also notes that there appear to be costs associated with assets and work necessary to make the proposed transmission project used and useful that go beyond the scope of the application and that could impact ratepayer bills. OEB staff therefore requests that the OEB provide for supplemental interrogatories. OEB staff believes that the additional information will be of assistance to the OEB in assessing the application.

OEB staff notes that Wataynikaneyap Power has requested a written hearing. OEB staff believes that if another round of interrogatories is provided for, there would be no need for an oral hearing and the OEB could proceed to written argument.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Ritchie Murray
Project Advisor

Cc (by email):

All parties to the proceeding