



EB-2018-0190

Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP

**Application for Leave to Construct New Transmission Lines and Associated
Facilities in Northwestern Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

December 14, 2018

On June 11, 2018, Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Wataynikaneyap Power) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for an order or orders granting, among other things, leave to construct a total of approximately 1,724 kilometres of electricity transmission lines and associated facilities in northwestern Ontario.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on September 14, 2018. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) applied for and were granted intervenor status. Procedural Order No. 1, which was issued on October 19, 2018, allowed for written interrogatories and responses to the interrogatories.

On December 3, 2018, Wataynikaneyap Power filed its responses to interrogatories. In its cover letter, Wataynikaneyap Power requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in its response to OEB staff IR No. 26, which pertains to cost estimates for individual transformer stations and transmission line segments. Wataynikaneyap Power characterized this as commercially sensitive information, the disclosure of which could prejudice its request for proposal process for engineering, procurement and construction services and related commercial negotiations.

The OEB is persuaded that the information in question is commercially sensitive, and is the type of information that the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* contemplates being kept confidential. OEB staff has advised the OEB that both intervenors were canvassed and neither of them had concerns with Wataynikaneyap Power's request for confidential treatment. The request is therefore granted. If an intervenor wishes to access the confidential material, it may complete a Declaration and Undertaking in accordance with the Practice Direction.

By letter dated December 14, 2018, OEB staff indicated it has follow-up questions on matters such as system reliability, quality of service, and costs. OEB staff noted 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 noted 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 requested that the OEB provide for another round of interrogatories. The OEB will do so, in accordance with the schedule set out below.

The Notice of Hearing noted that Wataynikaneyap Power had requested a written hearing, and invited interested parties to advise if they thought an oral hearing was needed. As none did, the OEB will provide for written submissions in accordance with the schedule set out below.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Wataynikaneyap Power's request for confidential treatment is granted.
2. Intervenors and OEB staff may deliver supplemental written interrogatories to Wataynikaneyap Power, and shall file them with the OEB and copy all other parties, by **December 21, 2018**.
3. Wataynikaneyap Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the supplemental interrogatories, and copy all other parties, by **January 21, 2019**.
4. Intervenors and OEB staff shall file their written submissions on the application with the OEB, and serve them on Wataynikaneyap Power, by **February 1, 2019**.
5. Wataynikaneyap Power shall file with the OEB its written reply submission and serve it on all other parties, by **February 15, 2019**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2018-0190 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Ritchie Murray at ritchie.murray@oeb.ca, and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at ian.richler@oeb.ca.

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