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**BY EMAIL**

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Ms. Jennifer Tidmarsh  
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Dear Ms. Tidmarsh:

**Re: Reporting Requirements on East-West Tie Project**

On January 30, 2019, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines issued a directive (Directive) to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend the electricity transmission licence of Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (NextBridge), to include a requirement that it develop and construct the East-West Tie Line (EWT) Project (EWT Project). The Directive also required that NextBridge's licence be amended to require that NextBridge provide such reporting to the OEB and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) as the OEB and the IESO may consider appropriate with respect to the progress, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of the EWT Project.

On February 11, 2019, the OEB amended NextBridge's electricity transmission licence<sup>1</sup> to include, among other conditions, conditions requiring NextBridge to report to the IESO on the progress, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of the EWT Project and provide such information that the OEB may from time to time require.

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<sup>1</sup> Upper Canada Transmission Inc. ET-2011-0222 licence was amended by the OEB Decision and Order EB-2019-0188

The purpose of this letter is to set out the reporting requirements that the OEB is requiring NextBridge to provide under sections 14.1 and 13.3 of its transmission licence in order to monitor the progress of the EWT Project. The detailed reporting requirements and timing of filing those reports are set out in the attachment to this letter. In determining these reporting requirements, consideration was given to the information, format, content and level of detail reported to the OEB during the development phase of the EWT Project.

NextBridge is required to file the reports through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> quoting file number **EB-2017-0182**. The reports will be posted to the OEB's regulatory webdrawer under the EB-2017-0182 file number. The first report is required to be filed by NextBridge by **August 30, 2019** for the period ending June 2019.

In developing these reporting requirements, the OEB has recognized that under the Directive the IESO may also require reporting from NextBridge, and OEB staff have consulted on the development of the requirements with the IESO to avoid any unnecessary duplication or burden in reporting. The OEB understands that the IESO supports both the content and timing of the reporting requirements set out in the attachment to this letter.

The OEB recognizes the need for coordination between NextBridge and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) in terms of bringing the EWT Project into service, and therefore intends to require reporting from Hydro One with respect to its Stations Upgrades Project tied to the EWT facilities. With the exception of the first report, Hydro One will be required to file its reports one month prior to NextBridge's as the OEB expects NextBridge to take into account any changes or risks reported by Hydro One that would effect NextBridge's progress reporting.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Zora Crnojacki, at 416-440-8104 or [Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca](mailto:Zora.Crnojacki@oeb.ca).

Regards,

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Attachment: NextBridge's East-West Tie Project: Reporting Requirements for  
Progress Reports