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Toronto, March 2, 2010

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”)
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: Five Nations Energy Inc. – 2010 Transmission Rates Application
Board File No. EB-2009-0387**

We are counsel to Five Nations Energy Inc. (“FNEI”) in the above-noted matter.

In advance of receiving direction from the Board, FNEI wishes to make a request regarding any Notice publication requirements. The Board often requires applicants to publish Notices of Application in large circulation newspapers such as the Globe and Mail. In our view, the costs of requiring FNEI to publish a Notice of Application in the above-noted matter in a large circulation newspaper would far outweigh the benefits. First, the costs of such publication would be significant for FNEI (as opposed to a larger utility). We assume we will be required to publish in English and Cree (and perhaps French as well). Second, while transmission rates are pooled across Ontario, our directly connected customers are small in number (four) and can be served directly at a much lower cost. Finally, FNEI’s application will not result in any increase in the provincial transmission rates for any of the three rate pools. FNEI makes up a very small portion of the total provincial transmission revenue requirement, and the greater revenue requirement being sought in the above-noted application is not large enough to change rates. There will be no bill impact to any Ontario ratepayer. FNEI’s application would have an impact on the revenue allocators (i.e., each transmitter’s share of the provincial transmission revenue requirement).

For all the above, reasons, FNEI thus requests that the Board consider requiring FNEI to publish Notice of its rate application locally (e.g., Wawatay News or Timmins Daily Press), in addition

to requiring service of any Notice on its four transmission customers and the other three rate-regulated transmitters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours very truly,



for: Richard King

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Encl.

cc: Joe Gaboury, FNEI (*via email*)