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Subject: Invitation to Comment

EB-2010-0220 – OPA Licence Renewal – HSM submissions

The Historic Saugeen Métis (“HSM”) community is an independent rights-bearing historic Métis community in Ontario, recognized by the Province of Ontario as a rights-bearing historic Métis community that should be contacted for purposes of consultation.

Attached please find HSM’s submission in this matter.

Yours truly,



Archie Indoe, Vice President

Lead, Energy Consultation Committee

HSM SUBMISSIONS
OPA APPLICATION FOR LICENCE RENEWAL
And Amendment Section 10.1

Overall Comment

The Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP) presents a prioritized implementation plan that responds to the Ontario government policy direction. The IPSP is based on a 20-year forecast, but is subject to updating and regulatory review every three years, thus enabling the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to revise the mid- and long-term plans based on near-term accomplishments and experiences.

Integrated Power System Plan Backgrounder

http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/Storage/49/4437_Backgrounder.pdf

Discussion

The Historic Saugeen Métis is an independent Métis community recognized for consultations by both the federal and provincial governments and reminds the Board of this outstanding request that may be impacted by an amendment to section 10.1 of the OPA Licence Agreement.

IPSP Intervener Status Request

In January, 2009, in accordance with section 23 of the Ontario Energy Board (Board) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Historic Saugeen Métis community requested IPSP Intervener status on behalf of the Saugeen Métis Council (HSM) in the proceedings of the Integrated Power System Plan - EB-2007-0707 - Integrated Power System Plan.

The Board replied February 17, 2009, to HSM through its former legal counsel, Juli Abouchar, Willms & Shier:

...As you are aware, on October 2, 2008 the Board adjourned this proceeding. In light of this adjournment, the Board has determined that it will not consider the Saugeen Métis Council request at this time, and suggests that Saugeen Métis Council reapply for intervener status when the proceeding re-commences.

HSM sees IPSP Intervener status as the legal platform through which HSM can rightfully seek a dialogue on Métis/energy related issues and that will ensure Historic Saugeen Métis consultation on energy planning. The Board is reminded of this outstanding request in matters related to the IPSP and Ontario's long-ranging planning, and any potential disadvantage to HSM, an aboriginal community, that may result from lack of IPSP Intervener status should section 10.1 of the Licence be amended.

END OF COMMENTS