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VIA EMAIL ONLY

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 700
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Notice of Intervention by the Town of Atikokan

Re: Regional Planning for Electricity Infrastructure (EB-2011-0043)

Intent to Participate

In response to the Ontario Energy Board invitation, dated April 1, 2011, to participate in the consultation process that is being initiated by the Board on Regional Planning for Electricity Infrastructure (EB-2011-0043), the Town of Atikokan is requesting recognition as an Interested Party.

Background

The Town of Atikokan is the location of a large thermal generating station undergoing conversion from coal to a biomass fuel.

Town of Atikokan's Substantial Interest

The Town of Atikokan intends to build firstly, on the earlier co-operation with the City of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) in the Board's review of the Integrated Power System Plan (EB-2007-0707), and secondly, on Common Voice Northwest (CVNW) and the City of Thunder Bay's recent submissions on the draft Supply Mix Directive.

The Town of Atikokan has a substantial interest in this consultation proceeding because it:

1. Represents the direct interests of the ratepayers in its own population of approximately 3300 resident;
2. is the location of one of two large thermal generating stations in the Northwest Region; and
3. serves as a local supply and support services hub for the forest and mining industry and other northern and First Nation communities.

The Town of Atikokan will be able to provide valuable insight into not only issues related to energy but also to environmental and other social imperatives, including but not limited to social imperatives that are geographical, economic and commercial.

Co-operation

The Town of Atikokan intends to continue the co-operation, established by NOMA in the EB-2007-0707 hearings on the IPSP, with other Interested Parties, namely:

1. Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), which is an alliance between representing municipalities in the Northwest; NOMA also will be seeking status as an Interested Party.

2. NOACC, the association of Chambers of Commerce throughout the Northwest Region; NOACC will also be seeking status as an Interested Party; and
3. the City of Thunder Bay, regional hub of the Northwest, the largest City (population 113,000), and site of one of the two large thermal generating stations in the Northwest Region; the City of Thunder Bay will also be seeking status as an Interested Party.

The Town of Atikokan, NOMA, NOACC and the City of Thunder Bay have agreed to co-operate and have, therefore, authorized Weiler Maloney Nelson to make submissions in the common interests of all of them.

Attendance May 12, 2011

John Cyr and Nick Melchiorre, partners in the law firm of Weiler, Maloney, Nelson, as counsel in this instance for the City of Thunder Bay, will be spokespersons attending the OEB stakeholder meeting on May 12, 2011 for purposes of speaking on behalf of the Town of Atikokan and informing the Town of Atikokan as to the proceedings.

Cost Awards

The Town of Atikokan will seek designation as a person, under Section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, eligible to receive costs.

The Town of Atikokan in combination with the City of Thunder Bay and NOMA in represents the direct interest of ratepayers throughout Northwestern Ontario. Those ratepayers are often dependent for their livelihood on a single industrial employer in a town. The development of an adequate electricity system in the Northwest Region is essential for the viability of those industrial plants.

A reliable and affordable supply of electricity is a necessity for economic wellbeing.

Adequate supply of energy is also essential for an appropriate standard of living in the municipal and First Nation communities throughout the Northwest Region.

The Town of Atikokan represents a public interest in seeking to ensure the reliability and security of electricity supply for both the ratepayers in northwestern Ontario and the industries that employ them. The Town of Atikokan in particular represents the direct interest of ratepayers in its community. Those ratepayers are dependent for their livelihood on a single industrial employer and the thermal generating station, and now depend also on the revival of the forest industry and robust mineral exploration programs in the Northwest Region for growth. A reliable and affordable supply of electricity is a necessity for economic wellbeing.

For Purposes of Notice of the Town of Atikokan:

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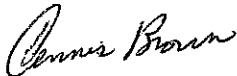
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Please contact the undersigned should further information or clarification be required.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours truly



Dennis Brown
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