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Re: Oral Hearing  
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APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT

**TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR  
WHITE RIVER HYDRO LP AND PIC MOBERT FIRST NATION**

As both a lifelong resident of Northern Ontario and former resident of Marathon and researcher for Pukaskwa National Park, I would object to the approval of this project without an oral hearing. The traditional nature of testimony in Northern Ontario is oral and has been the basis of all treaty making. Relying on written testimony would potentially exclude those who might otherwise want to have their say.

Further, with the likelihood of the construction more transmission lines throughout Northern Ontario proceeding without an oral hearing would be an unacceptable precedent.

I am a member of both the Superior Renewable Energy Coop and the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership.

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