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Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: EB-2011-0420 - Pic River First Nation request for delay

Further to the letter submitted by Pic River First Nation ("Pic River") on February 28, 2012, we wish to inform the Board that the Applicants do not support the request by Pic River to extend the date to submit interrogatories.

The scope of the leave to construct proceedings was outlined in Procedural Order No. 1. In particular, the Board clarified that it had no authority under the law to review, consider or adjudicate upon what might broadly be described as environmental issues. While the Applicants are pursuing negotiations with Pic River, these do not affect any interrogatories that may be posed regarding the Transmission Facility nor do they relate to the issues within the scope of this leave to construct application.

The Applicants would be pleased to respond to any interrogatories posed by interveners within the time frames proposed in Procedural Order No. 1. Respectfully, Pic River should not be permitted to delay these proceedings in order to accommodate negotiation timelines on issues outside of the scope of the leave to construct.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Per:

signed in the original

Kristyn Annis

c: Interveners
C. Coolican, President, White River Hydro Limited Partnership