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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Board File Number: EB-2011-0140
Electricity Transmitter Designation for the East-West Tie Line
Response to Intervention Request Objection**

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, we are writing in reply to AltaLink Ontario LP's letter dated March 16, 2012 in which it objects to GLPT EWT LP's intervention request.

In its objection, AltaLink characterizes GLPT EWT LP's request for intervention as a "tactic" to allow one registered transmitter, EWT LP, "multiple kicks at the can" during the designation process. The premise of AltaLink's letter appears to be an assumption that GLPT EWT LP wishes to participate "to file evidence and interrogatories and submissions in support of EWT LP". This assumption, and AltaLink's characterization above are incorrect. GLPT EWT LP has a direct, legitimate interest in the proceeding. As set out in our letter dated March 5, 2012, GLPT EWT LP primarily intends to monitor the proceeding – given its interest, this is wholly appropriate. Further, even if it could be said that GLPT EWT is aligned in interest with EWT LP that is not a proper basis on which to oppose GLPT EWT LP's request; it is regularly the case that multiple parties before the Board share an identity of interest on matters in issue.


AltaLink's objection is particularly misplaced given the nature of requests that it has made in EWT LP's application for an electricity licence (EB-2011-0350). AltaLink has asked that issues raised in that proceeding be considered in the designation process. Without commenting on the appropriateness of those requests, or the relevance of the underlying information sought by AltaLink, we believe GLPT EWT LP's direct participation is necessary in order to resolve the issues fairly and efficiently.

Finally, GLPT EWT's intervention would ensure that all parties to the Information Protocols developed by Great Lakes Power Transmission LP are before the Board. Again, this promotes regulatory efficiency. As the Board is aware, the designation process and the Issues List continue to evolve, making it unclear at this point in time at which stage in the proceeding certain potential issues, such as Information Protocols, will be addressed. It may well be that

GLPT EWT LP's intervention will be confined to stage one of the proceeding; and, that there will not be an active, or perhaps any, participation in later stages.

For all of the above reasons, GLPT EWT LP asks that AltaLink's objection be dismissed and GLPT EWT LP's intervention request be granted

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crawford Smith" followed by a stylized flourish.

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