

**IPSP CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION
BY FIRST NATIONS ON THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY'S
EAST-WEST TIE CONSULTATION LIST**

Community	IPSP Community Consultation Meeting	IPSP Regional Consultation Session
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation	July 4, 2011	
Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation	July 4, 2011	Attended Toronto and Thunder Bay sessions, June 3 and June 22, 2011 respectively.
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek	July 4, 2011	
Fort William First Nation		
Ginoogaming First Nation	August 5, 2011	
Long Lake No. 58 First Nation	June 29, 2011	Attended June 22, 2011 Thunder Bay regional session.
Michipicoten First Nation		
Missanabie Cree First Nation		
Ojibways of Batchewana		
Ojibways of Garden River	June 20, 2011	Attended June 22, 2011 Thunder Bay regional session.
Ojibways of Pic River		
Pays Plat First Nation		
Pic Moberg First Nation		
Red Rock Indian Band	July 4, 2011	

OPA IPSP Aboriginal Consultation Communication Log

Fort William First Nation

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Date	Comment
June 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian at 1:20 pm. Brian was in a meeting, left a voice mail message.
June 8, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent an e-mail to Brian providing background information and request for a community meeting.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called at 2:45 pm. Reception stated that Brian was in the office. No answer, however, left voice mail.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called at 3:16 pm. Brian was not in the office. Requested to speak to Ed Collins, Economic Development Officer. Ed was in Sudbury.
June 16, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Ed Collins on his cell phone. Ed was still in Sudbury. Provided Ed background information. Sent background e-mail to Ed Collins.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Ed Collins at FWFN. Ed was not in the office. Asked to speak with Brian. Brian was not in the office.
June 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Ed Collins at 11:35 am. Voice mail message stated that Ed was out of the office. Called Ed on his cell phone. Requested Ed's assistance with finding an Elder to say an opening prayer at the June 22 Regional IPSP session in Thunder Bay. Ed said he would try to contact an Elder; however, this was short notice. In regards to the IPSP community meeting, it was suggested to hold a community meeting at the end of the week. Ed said that this week may be too soon.
June 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left voice mail for Ed Collins at 10:29 am at his office.
June 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke briefly with Brian at the June 22 Regional IPSP session in Thunder Bay regarding a community meeting. John and Brian were to meet to discuss the meeting at the end of the Regional session; however, John was unable to locate Brian at the end of the session.

June 23, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian at 2:08 pm. Reception stated that Brian was giving a deputy minister a tour of the community. Reception took the message regarding an IPSP community meeting and said they would e-mail Brian the message.
June 29, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian at 2:40 pm. Reception stated that Brian was in a conference all day.
June 30, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian on his cell at 9:55 am. Left message offering a meeting at the end of next week (week of July 4) as John was going to be up in the Thunder Bay area that week.
July 7, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian at 2:25 pm and left a voice mail requesting Brian to call John. Referenced the June 22 Regional session where Brian and John had briefly met.
July 12, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian on his cell at 1:40 pm. Left a voice message offering to meet with Brian today (July 12) or tomorrow July 13) as John was in Thunder Bay, to discuss the community consultation session.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Brian on his cell at 10:31 am. Left voice message requesting a response, yes or no, as to whether his community is interested in community meeting. Offered to meet with Brian, Chief and Council and/or the community. Offered the first week of August as possible dates. Also offered to meet with Brian in Thunder Bay at the end of next week (July 28/29).

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Date	Comment
June 8, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left a message for Ernest.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called back and left another message for Ernest.
June 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernest called me back and requested that I email him information on the nature of the request for a community consultation meeting.
June 14, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent information via email about the IPSP.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent follow-up email and suggested dates that I was available to visit the community.
June 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received an email from Ernest explaining that he would be out of the community on the dates I was available. Ernest was interested in arranging a meeting but the dates did not work out.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sent an email to Ernest to follow up on request for a community consultation meeting.
July 25, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> received email from Ernest offering a chance to meet with their Chief and Council on August 5 at 1 pm.
July 27, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> emailed Ernest to thank him and let him know that I would have to check whether a flight was available to get me to Thunder Bay emailed Ernest to let him know a flight was available and that I could attend. I asked Ernest to let me know if his Chief and Council were still available.

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Date	Comment
June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Emailed John information about the IPSP and requesting a community consultation meeting.
June 14, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Spoke with John and he confirmed that he received the email and would get back to me.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sent a follow up email with suggested dates.
June 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ John responded via email with Chief Veronica Waboose copied on his response. He wrote that June 29 would be a suitable date.
June 23, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ John and Chief Waboose sent separate emails to confirm the meeting for June 29.
June 29, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Community consultation meeting held at Long Lake No. 58 band office.

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Date	Comment
June 2, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent an email to Chief Buckell attaching a formal invitation for two upcoming IPSP Regional sessions being held in Sudbury and Thunder Bay this month.
June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left a message asking Chief Buckell to call me back.
June 7, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Chief Buckell information setting out the nature of the request for a community consultation meeting.
June 8, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from Shele; saying that unfortunately Chief Buckell is unavailable to attend on the days mentioned Sent an email to Shele stating that besides the 2 dates for regional meetings a staff member from the OPA would be in contact shortly to set up a meeting directly with his community.
June 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and spoke with Chief Buckell and he transferred me to Stephanie. She asked me to email her the info and let me know that she would get back to me.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed the information to Stephanie.
June 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talked to Stephanie and we set up a meeting for July 15. She advised me that she wanted the last possible date because the Chief and Council had a busy month traveling.
June 29, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received an email from Stephanie asking to reschedule from July 15 to July 20.
June 30, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Stephanie to let her know that I was only available until July 15 but that I was available any day of the week of July 11 except for July 12. Spoke with Stephanie and we arranged for July 11.
July 4, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Stephanie to let her know that I was still available July 8 and 13 to 15.
July 5, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie replied to remind me that we had settled on July 11 and that no other dates worked because Chief Buckell

	<p>would not be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emailed Stephanie to confirm July 11. ▪ Received email from Stephanie informing me that they would have to cancel because the Chief and Council would be off the rest of July. ▪ Stephanie emailed again to confirm the cancellation. ▪ Emailed Stephanie to confirm the cancellation. ▪ Received a thank-you email from Stephanie.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Called and left a voicemail for Chief Buckell to follow up and re-request a community consultation meeting. ▪ Emailed Chief Buckell to reiterate request for a community consultation meeting. Explained that the period for community visits had been extended until August 5. ▪ Received email from Chief Buckell's internet provider that the Chief's mailbox was full.

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Missanabie Cree First Nation

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Date	Comment
June 2, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent email to Chief Rainville attaching an invitation to two IPSP Regional sessions being held in Sudbury and Thunder Bay later that month. Received email from Chief Rainville asking if expenses would be covered for attending the meetings.
June 3, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent email to Chief Rainville letting him know that the OPA would cover the costs for each First Nation to send 2 representatives to the regional session and up to \$4000 for third party technical support to review the IPSP.
June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left message for Chief Rainville.
June 7, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called back and spoke to Chief Rainville. He was planning on attending the regional session and we discussed chatting there about a community meeting date.
June 9, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional meeting held in Sudbury, Chief Rainville did not attend.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent Chief Rainville a follow-up email containing information on the IPSP and requesting a community consultation meeting.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent Chief Rainville an email to follow up and suggest dates that I was available to visit his community.
June 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent Chief Rainville an email to follow up and suggest dates that I was available to visit his community. Received email from Chief Rainville informing me that he would check his calendar and let me know.
June 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received email from Chief Rainville stating that he might be able to meet on June 27 and that he would let me know by the next day. Sent Chief Rainville an email stating that June 27 worked for me and that I looked forward to his confirmation.
June 23, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent Chief Rainville an email asking if he could confirm June 27 due to my need to make travel arrangements. Chief Rainville responded that June 27 wouldn't work and that he would get back to me on another date. Sent Chief Rainville an email to let him know that I was available on Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1.

June 27, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emailed Chief Rainville to follow up on request for a community consultation session. ▪ Received email reply from Chief Rainville explaining that due to the death of an elder the community would not be available that week. ▪ Emailed Chief Rainville regarding alternative dates. ▪ Chief Rainville replied via email that the next few weeks would be not be an appropriate time to visit.
July 8, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sent a follow-up email to ask if that or next week would work and advised him that July 15 is the deadline I had for meeting. He did not reply.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emailed Chief Rainville to reiterate request for a community consultation meeting. Explained that the period for community visits had been extended until August 5.
July 25, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Received email from Chief Rainville explaining that they are planning their community gathering and will not be available until September.
July 26, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emailed Chief Rainville to acknowledge receipt of his message.

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Ojibways of Batchewana

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Date	Comment
June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Dan to provide information about the IPSP and request a community consultation meeting. Dan requested that I email him more information. Email to Dan providing further information about the IPSP.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Dan to follow up and provide dates I was available: June 20 to June 24.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Dan to let him know that I would be in Garden River on the morning of June 20 and asking whether they were available in the afternoon.
June 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received an email from Dan stating that I would need to send a letter requesting a meeting with Chief and Council where they would decide whether to allow a meeting.
July 11, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Dan to let him know that I was available for the next two weeks for a community consultation meeting.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Dan Sayers requesting a community consultation session.
July 25, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Chief Sayers to request a community consultation session. No answer, left message on voicemail.
July 29, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Dan to follow up and to inform him that I was available August 5.
August 02, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Dan stating that the OPA would need to send a letter to Chief and Council to request a meeting.
August 12, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Dan regarding IPSP consultation meeting. Dan telephoned and left a voice mail message stating that the community was available on August 18, 2011 and Chief and Council would meet with the OPA's CEO. Called Dan to say we would be happy to hold a meeting with the community. Call from Dan asking why the OPA was only available until August 25 to meet. Called Dan, no answer.

August 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replied to Dan Sayers to let him know that the OPA would be happy to do a presentation for Chief and council on August 18, 2011. Let Dan Sayers know that the CEO was not available however Karen Frecker, Acting Director, OPA First Nations and Métis Relations and John Jeza, Manager, OPA First Nation and Métis Relations were available to attend. ▪ Received email from Kim Lambert requesting information about the nature of the request for a consultation meeting ▪ Email to Kim Lambert and Dan Sayers asking them to confirm a meeting date of August 18, 2011.
August 16, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email to Kim Lambert and Danny Sayers asking for confirmation of the meeting.
August 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-mail reply from Kim Lambert offering an opportunity to meet with Chief and Council on August 18 at 7 pm for 15 minutes. ▪ Email to Dan Sayers requesting rescheduling of meeting to allow for more time to make presentation and answer questions.
September 2, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email from Dan Sayers expressing concern regarding IPSP consultations and proposing October 12, 2011 for a meeting with Chief and Council.
September 9, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email to Dan Sayers accepting date of October 12, 2011 for a meeting with Chief and Council.
September 14, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email from Dan Sayers asking who would from the OPA would be attending.
September 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email to Dan Sayers informing him which OPA would be attending. (Note: no consultation meeting was held.)

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Ojibways of Garden River

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Date	Comment
June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Kristen Jones to provide information about the IPSP and request a community consultation meeting. Kristen requested that I email her further information. Email to Kristen providing further information.
June 8, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Darlene Solomon stating that she had asked for two representatives to attend an OPA regional session. Darlene asked if the OPA was holding another session after the June 22 Thunder Bay session in case no one from the community was available to attend.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Darlene following up with OPA on whether additional regional sessions would be held. Darlene requested additional information about the IPSP and the regional meetings. Email to Darlene including information about the IPSP regional sessions and about the purpose of the community meetings. Email from Darlene stating she would call me on Monday to discuss the OPA's request further. Email to Darlene to follow up and suggest either June 20 or 23 for a community meeting. Called Darlene to discuss the request for a community meeting and suggest some dates.
June 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Darlene confirming a community consultation meeting for June 20 at 10 am at the band office.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Darlene informing her that two Ministry of Energy representatives would be accompanying me as they have a brief presentation on the East-West Tie transmission project.
June 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community consultation meeting held.
June 23, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Darlene and Dmitry attaching draft meeting notes and requesting that they review them and make any comments or changes as necessary.
June 27, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Darlene stating that the notes were reviewed and were in order but that the attendance list should reflect who was there at certain times. Darlene also asked how she

	should send their invoice.
June 28, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email to Darlene informing her that she could send it electronically but would still have to send the original.
June 30, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email to Darlene to follow up on her invoice.

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Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation

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June 9, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left message asking Roy to call back.
June 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called back and left another message for Roy.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent email regarding IPSP and the community consultation.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent follow up email.
June 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and spoke with Roy and explained the nature of the request for a community consultation meeting. He did not seem willing to participate. He requested the email be sent to his brother Jamie. Neither Roy nor Jamie responded.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Jaime Michano and left a message regarding nature of request for a community consultation meeting. Sent emails to Chief Michano and Jaime Michano explaining nature of request and that the time for OPA visits to communities had been extended to August 5.

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Pays Plat First Nation

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Date	Comment
June 9, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left a voicemail message for John.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called back left a voicemail message.
June 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and spoke with John he advised that it was a busy time for the community. John asked me to send further information via email and he would follow up.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent information by email.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent a follow-up email. No response from John.
July 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called John Zsura to follow up, not in office. Left message on his voice mail explaining request for a community consultation meeting. Sent a follow-up email explaining nature of request for a community consultation meeting and that the time for community visits had been extended to August 5.

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June 6, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and left a message for Brandy. Sent a follow-up email that included further information about the request for a community consultation meeting. No response.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent a follow-up email to Brandy. Called and spoke to Brandy about the nature of the request for a community consultation meeting. Brandy emailed me back: she informed me that Jennifer Jacques was taking over her position, that she was passing the information to her and that she would get back to me.
June 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Jennifer Jacques to follow up on request for a consultation meeting.
June 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received email from Jennifer Jacques stating that she was still trying to determine if the meeting could proceed. Received email from Norm Jaehrling stating that he and Councillor Wayne Sabourin were in Thunder Bay at the OPA regional Chiefs' meeting and that they would brief the Council later on whether a community meeting was warranted. Received another email from Norm informing that Pic Mobert has a consultation protocol. Emailed Norm to explain purpose of community meeting and purpose of regional Chiefs' meeting.
June 28, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Norm asking for a response on the question raised during the Thunder Bay Regional Session about a co-gen project and inquiring about re-opening a dialogue

	with the OPA regarding the renegotiation of their NUG contract.
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OPA IPSP Aboriginal Consultation Communication Log

Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

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Date	Comment
June 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Donelda, she explained that RSMIN was interested in hosting a consultation meeting with its members, however she pointed out that their members are spread out across the Robinson-Huron Treaty Area. Donelda also mentioned that RSMIN members are interested in green energy projects, one member wants to install solar panels on her business buildings, another member in Jellicoe owns an airport and also wants to install solar panels. Donelda wanted to know how RSMIN could help facilitate this and how local entities such as Thunder Bay Hydro, Hydro One or OPG would be involved. Donelda's next issue was Bowater's installation of its own biomass generation, Thunder Bay Hydro will lose up to \$1 million annually as a result, wants to know how this will impact Thunder Bay Hydro and local hydro rates. I informed Donelda that Colin Andersen, CEO of the OPA, had sent their Chief a letter dated May 10, inviting them to be consulted regarding the IPSP.
June 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to Donelda containing information about the IPSP and requesting a community consultation meeting.
June 15, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called Donelda, set a tentative date of June 24 for a consultation session. Donelda asked that I call the next day to discuss this date further and possibly confirm.
June 17, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called and spoke with Donelda, she let me know that she wanted to attend the June 22 regional meeting in Thunder Bay. Donelda also let me know that she wanted to work on a Métis-specific conservation program and wanted to know how her community's members could install solar panels on their homes and businesses. Donelda then stated that she felt the July 15 deadline for community visits was too early, I let her know that the OPA considered the IPSP to be an activity that did not require deep consultation. Donelda informed me that it was a very busy time in their office due to various meetings that they had to attend. She also asked

	<p>for assistance in finding a consultant to assist them with reviewing and commenting on the IPSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I prepared an email setting out all of Donelda's comments and sent it to Sara Jane Souliere, with Donelda being c.c.'ed.
July 19, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emailed Donelda to let her know that the OPA had extended its timeframe for community meetings to August 5 and explained further the nature of the request for a community meeting.
July 21, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Called and spoke to Donelda. We scheduled a session for July 28 at 1 pm at a restaurant near their office. Donelda indicated that issues such as installing solar panels, electricity projects in the area, nuclear waste management in northern Ontario and the move away from coal would be of interest. ▪ Emailed Donelda to confirm.
July 28, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Session held at the Red Sky office in Thunder Bay.



Integrated Power System Plan - Planning and Consultation Overview

First Nation Communities

Introduction

- Role of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA)
- Working with First Nations
- The Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP)
- Electricity Demand
- Electricity Supply
- Conservation Objectives
- Transmission
- Remote First Nation Communities

Role of the Ontario Power Authority

- The OPA has the mandate of ensuring a reliable, sustainable and cost-effective electricity system
- The development of a long-term plan (IPSP) is central to meeting this objective
- The OPA coordinates conservation initiatives province wide to meet Ontario's ambitious conservation targets
- The OPA contracts for electricity supply to make sure new clean supply is developed where and when it's needed

Working with First Nations

- The OPA is committed to its relationship with First Nation communities
- The OPA is consulting with First Nations on the IPSP
- The Ministry of Energy works with the OPA to meet any consultation obligations
- The IPSP will be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for review and approval
- The OPA submission to the OEB will include information and feedback provided by First Nations

Working with First Nations

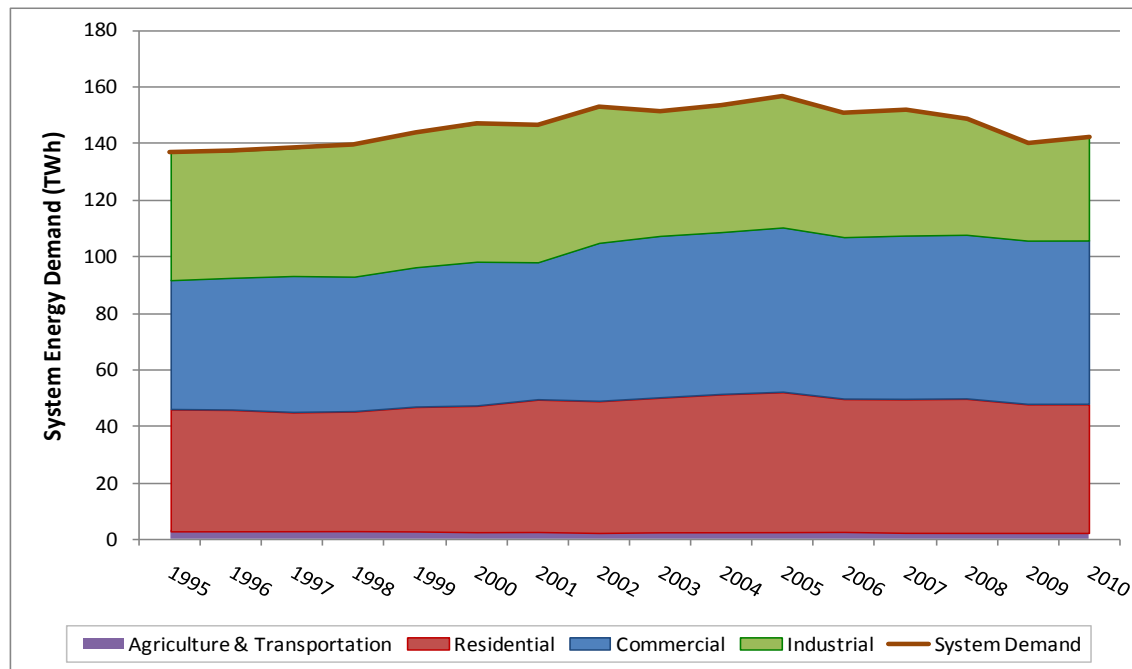
- IPSP 1: 2005-2007: Consultation with First Nations
 - First Nations expressed a desire to participate in electricity sector opportunities and develop a plan to connect Remote First Nations Communities to the transmission grid
- Energy Policy Reform: 2008-2009: Ongoing Consultation
 - Resulted in new opportunities for Aboriginal economic development through initiatives like *Green Energy Act, 2009*: Aboriginal Energy Partnership Program (AEPP); price-adder; reduced security fees; and Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program
- IPSP 2: 2011: Consultation Process
 - Community meetings, regional meetings with leadership, sharing outcomes with all participants
 - IPSP 2 includes a strategy to connect Remote First Nations in northwestern Ontario

The Integrated Power System Plan II

- On February 17, 2011 the Minister of Energy directed the OPA to undertake the IPSP 2
- IPSP 2 will implement Ontario's policy as laid out in the directive and the Long Term Energy Plan
- Key goals of the directive include:
 - Aggressive conservation targets
 - Meeting supply mix goals
 - Transmission expansion (including developing a plan to connect Remote First Nations Communities)
 - A reliable electricity system
- The OPA will be mindful of the impact on rates, while working toward meeting key goals

Demand

- The IPSP plans for a medium growth scenario as electricity demand is expected to maintain its current level of growth
- Electricity demand shifts with the state of the economy. Major influences include: residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and transportation sectors



Supply

- The Supply Mix directive of February 17, 2011 includes:
 - Phase-out of coal-fired generation by end of 2014
 - Stations may be converted to clean electricity supply
 - Hydroelectric generation
 - 9000 MW by 2018
 - Current contracts almost meet this target
 - Renewable generation (wind, solar, biomass)
 - 10,700 MW excluding hydro by 2018
 - Nuclear (refurbishment and new build)
 - Approximately 50% of Ontario's electricity generation
 - Natural gas-fired generation
 - Plan for natural gas generation for strategic use
 - Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge will require a natural gas plant

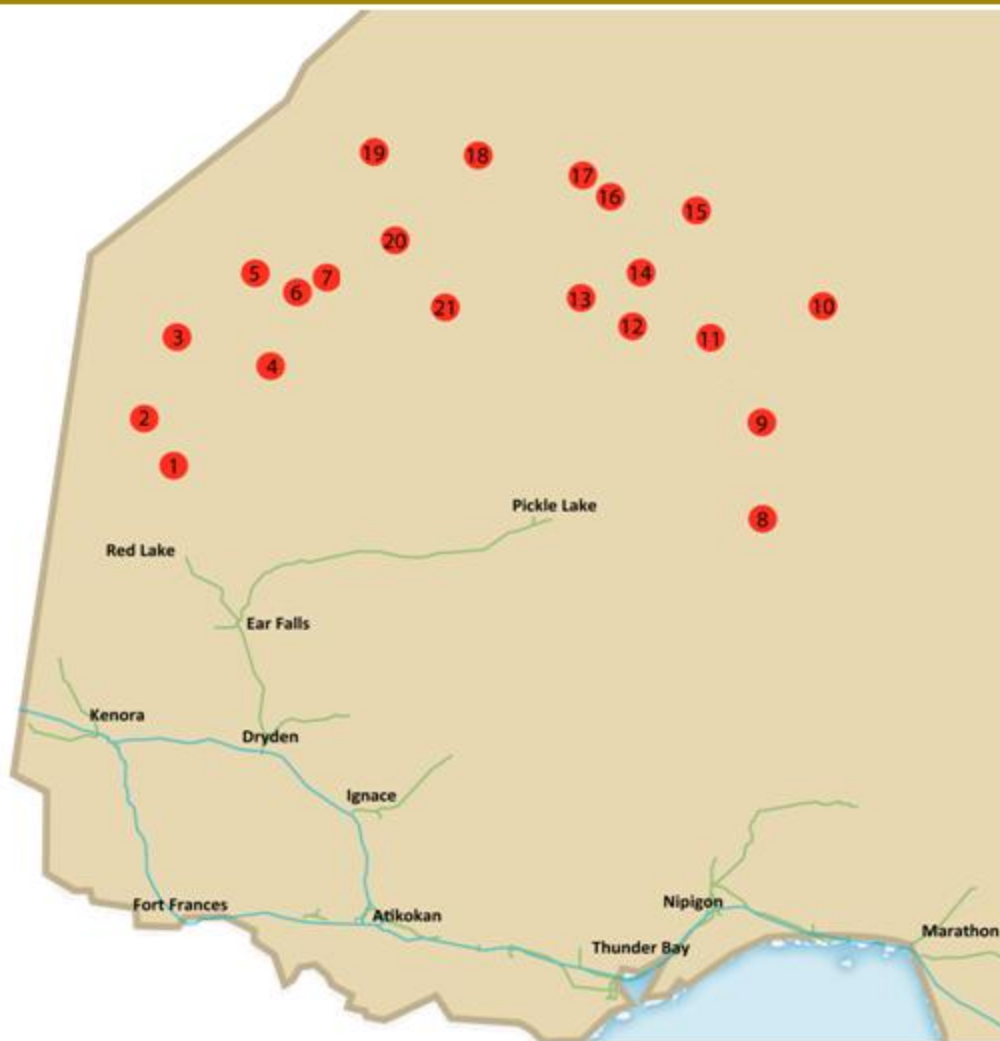
Conservation

- Between 2005-2010 OPA conservation strategy resulted in 1700 MW electricity peak demand reduction
- Aggressive targets set by the February 17, 2011 directive
 - 7100 MW peak demand reduction by 2030; and
 - 28 TWh demand reduction.
- Benefits of conservation:
 - A tool to manage increasing electricity costs
 - Beneficial for the environment
 - Increased productivity (examples from Katherine)
- An Aboriginal conservation program is currently under development at the OPA

Transmission

- Five priority transmission projects will enable a growing mix of clean energy resources, meet new regional electricity requirements, and ensure reliable transmission across Ontario
 1. New line to Pickle Lake: New line for reliable load supply
 2. East-West-Tie: New line for reliability and renewable energy
 3. Southwestern Ontario Reactive Compensation: Upgrade for renewable energy
 4. Upgrading Line West of London: Upgrade for renewable energy
 5. New Line West of London: New line for renewable energy

Remote First Nations Communities North of Pickle Lake



Northwestern Ontario Remote First Nation Communities	
1	Pikangikum
2	Poplar Hill
3	Deer Lake
4	North Spirit Lake
5	Sandy Lake
6	Kee-Way-Win
7	Koocheching
8	Eabametoong (Fort Hope)
9	Neskantaga (Lansdowne House)
10	Webequie
11	Nibinamik (Summer Beaver)
12	Wunnumin Lake
13	Kingfisher Lake
14	Wawakapewin (Long Dog)
15	Kasabonika Lake
16	Wapekeka
17	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (Big Trout Lake)
18	Bearskin Lake
19	Sachigo Lake
20	Muskrat Dam
21	North Caribou Lake

Developing plan to connect Remote First Nations Communities

- Remote First Nations currently rely on diesel generation that is expensive and has a negative impact on the environment
- New transmission and supply is expected to be less expensive than diesel, facilitate community growth and economic development opportunities
- Cost sharing options are being considered
- The potential timeline for development work environmental approvals and construction is 7-10 years
- The OPA will continue to work with remote First Nations in Northwest Ontario as this project moves forward

Next Steps

- Anticipated Timelines
 - Summer 2011: Consultation with communities
 - 2011: Submit IPSP to Ontario Energy Board
 - 2012: OEB hearings and decision on IPSP
 - Post 2012: Ongoing work with communities
 - 2014: Next IPSP update

Discussion and Questions?

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IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Consultant Name	Ontario Power Authority: Hillary Thatcher – Director First Nation and Métis Relations Bob Chow – Director Transmission Mike Lyle – VP Legal, Aboriginal and Regulatory Affairs Ministry of Energy: Ceiran Bishop – Manager, Transmission Policy
Date	June 29, 2011
Community Name	Métis Nation of Ontario: Cameron Burgess, Chair Region 2 Thunder Bay Trent Desaulnier, President Superior North Shore Métis William Gordon, President Greenstone Métis Council Wendy Laundry, President Thunder Bay Métis Council Ken Simard, Captain of the Hunt, Region 2
Meeting Location	Teleconference Call
Meeting length	7:00-9:00 pm

CONSULTATION NOTES

Introductions:

- OPA welcomed and thanked MNO participants for agreeing to participate in the teleconference call, noting the difficulties that we have faced in coordinating a face-to-face regional meeting as intended and planned.
- OPA indicated that for the purpose of the call, we would be undertaking the procedural aspects of any duty to consult on the East-West Tie (*the project*) as delegated by the Ministry of Energy. The OPA will share information on the project and the Ministry will share information on the Ontario Energy Board Transmitter Designation Process.

MNO Comments

- Cam Burgess noted that this teleconference call is an information discussion and not consultation

OPA Presentation:

- Bob Chow presented the attached slide deck (slides 1-7)
- Ceiran Bishop presented information on OEB process (slide 8-9)

MNO Comments

- MNO requested that additional Métis regions be included in the identified list of Métis communities as the project crosses their territory as well. These regions were identified as: Chapleau Métis, Sault Ste Marie Métis, and Region Four Métis. The OPA agreed to report this to the Ministry of Energy (see

attached email)

- MNO commented that this is just the beginning of consultation. MNO expects to be consulted during EA – and wanted to know when an EA would commence. OPA indicated that this is early consultation based on the OPA's role in assessing need for the project and confirmed that a designated transmitter would likely be required to consult during the EA and development phase of the project. The OPA added that the EA process could start within 6 months – 1 year after the designation process is complete
- MNO wanted to know if they could follow the process and the OPA indicated that the OEB designation process was public and that they could follow it.
- MNO reiterated their desire to be consulted early in the EA process. The OPA committed to including this in the report to the OEB.

Next Steps:

- MNO agreed to that they would collaborate and send the OPA one set of comments as soon as possible.
- Comments were sent via email on June 30th, 2011 and framed for the OPA report. The comments focused on the desire to be consulted on the East-West Tie and to consider costs associated with future consultation.

Hillary Thatcher

From: Hillary Thatcher
Sent: June 29, 2011 7:38 PM
To: 'Kaili.Sermat-Harding@ontario.ca'
Cc: 'amy.gibson@ontario.ca'; Michael Lyle
Subject: Re: MNO

Thanks for this Amy.

We are on the call now with the 3 MNO communities on EWT. They have asked us to ensure the other region (region 4) is also included in a consultation process. The thunder bay region only covers to Marathon. The SSM region covers Wawa area.

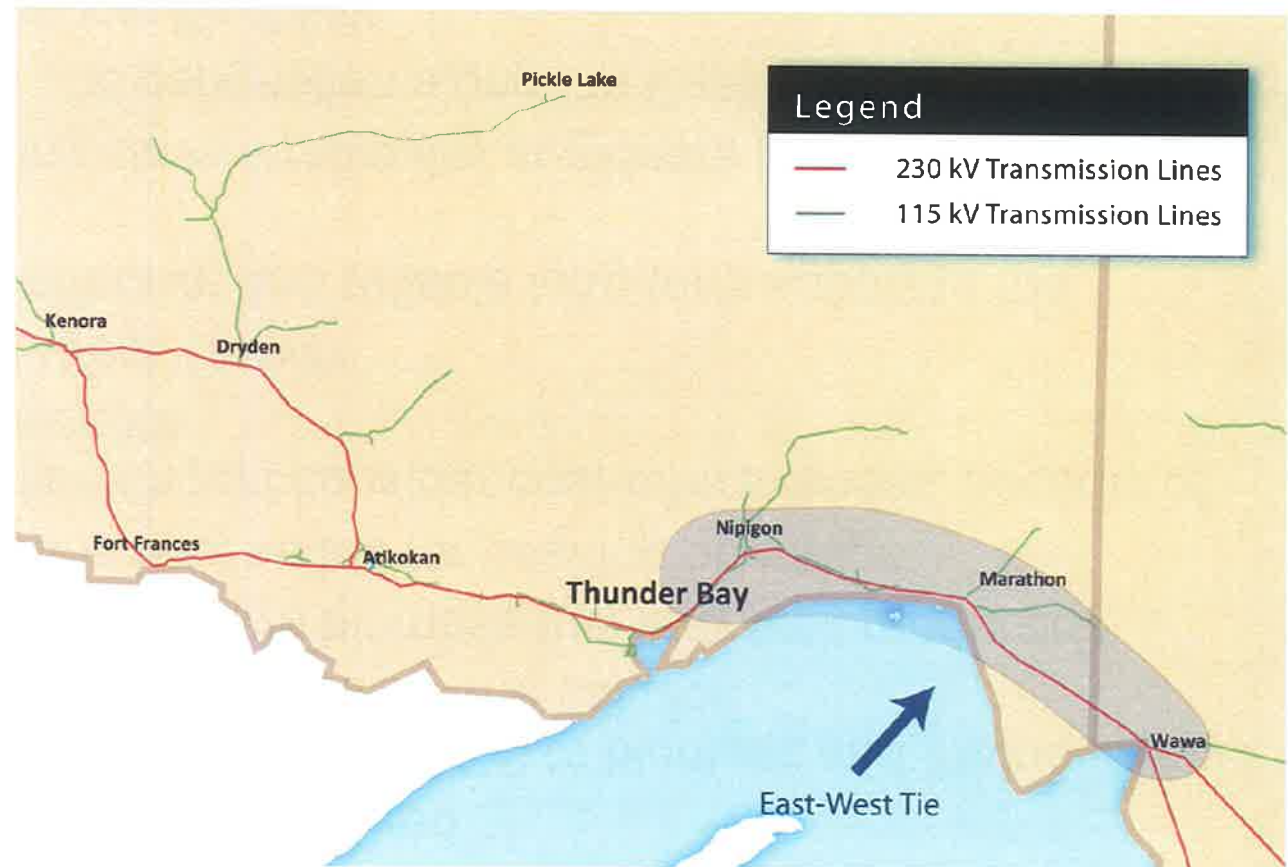
EAST-WEST TIE REINFORCEMENT – NEXT STEPS

Background on Northwestern Ontario Supply

- The economy of northwestern Ontario is resource based
 - Industrial demand accounts for over half of the energy consumption in the northwest
 - Demand is highly variable and difficult to forecast
 - In the past decade, peak demand has fluctuated between 700 and 1,200 MW
- Currently, the region's installed generation capacity consists primarily of hydroelectric and coal-fired facilities
 - Hydroelectric: over 50%
 - Coal: about 30%
 - Remainder: gas, biomass and demand response
- The region is connected to the rest of Ontario through a 230kV transmission line known as the East-West Tie
 - Augments energy supply to the northwest
 - Delivers surplus energy to the rest of Ontario
- The Northwest is interconnected with Manitoba and Minnesota

Background on Northwest Transmission

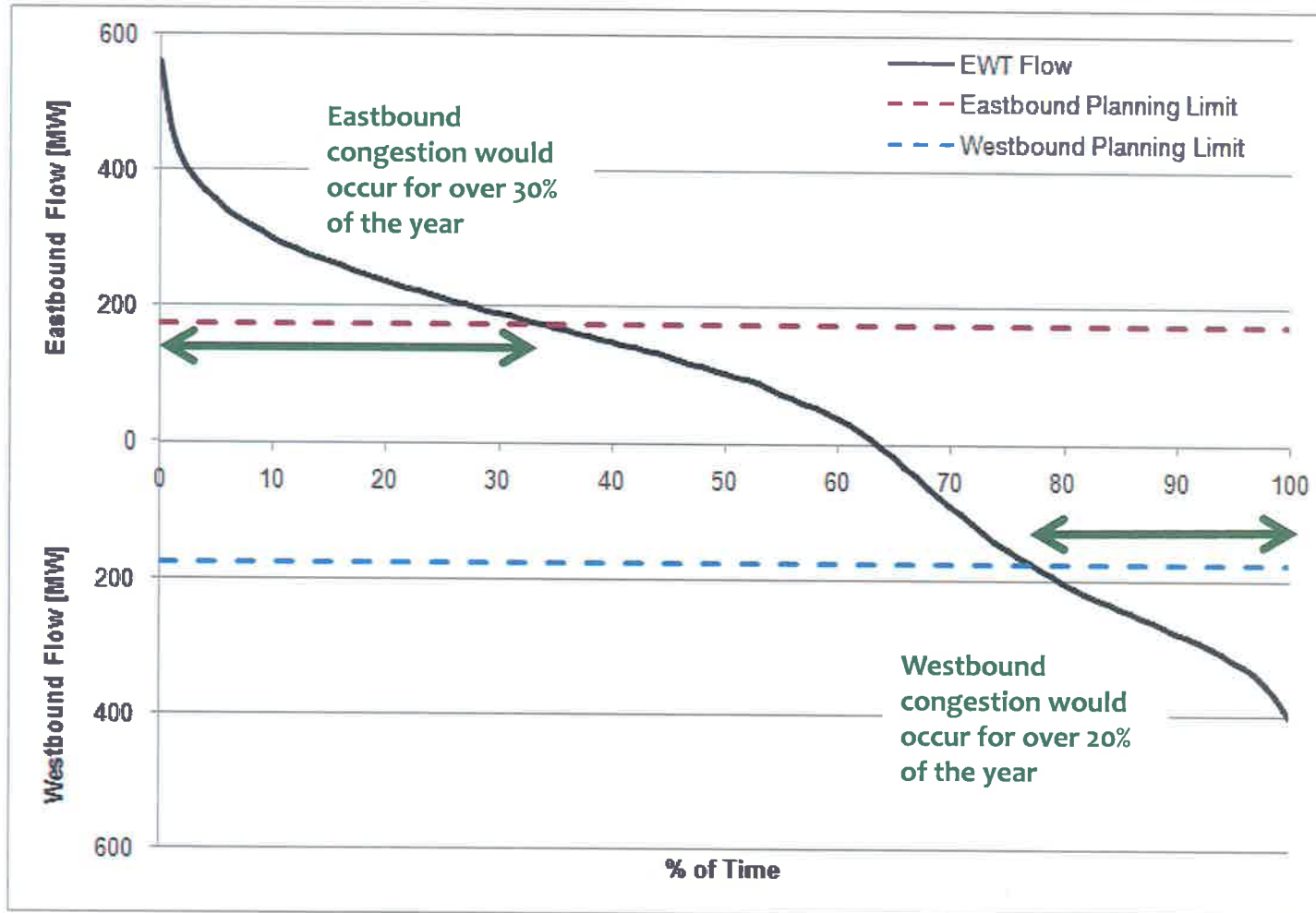
- The East-West Tie connects Wawa to Thunder Bay
- Because of limited capacity it is frequently constrained
- Does not meet current reliability standards



Timing and Rationale for Enhancing the East-West Tie

- Coal-fired generation will be shut down by the end of 2014 and replacement capacity will be required
- The Directed conversion of Atikokan GS to biomass and Thunder Bay GS to natural gas are components of the solution
 - Availability of cost-effective biomass fuel may limit production
 - Thunder Bay GS is best suited for peaking operation
- A longer-term solution should consider cost-effectiveness, security of supply and other benefits
- An enhanced East-West Tie will:
 - Provide a cost-effective and reliable long-term supply to the Northwest
 - Facilitate meeting current reliability standards in the Northwest
 - Reduce losses and congestion along the East-West Tie
 - Enhance operational flexibility
 - Provide delivery capacity for connecting new resources in the Northwest

The East-West Tie is Frequently Constrained



Based on planning assumptions for the year 2020

East-West Tie Project: Scope and Timing

- Construct a 400 km, 230 kV double-circuit transmission line running from Wawa to Thunder Bay
 - The enhanced East-West Tie will have a total transfer capability of 650 MW
- Target in-service date is 2016/17
- Estimated capital cost of \$600 million
- The government's Long-Term Energy Plan indicates that this project will be subject to the Ontario Energy Board's transmitter designation process
 - The OPA will be providing planning analysis to the Board to support initiation of this process
- This project will also be subject to the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct approval process

East-West Tie Project Process

- The East-West Tie process is moving ahead of the IPSP process
- Ministry has expressed interest that the OEB's Transmission Project Designation Process be applied
 - Selects the transmission company to develop the project
- The OPA will submit a report to the OEB at the end of June outlining the preliminary assessment for the line
- The report will include:
 - Line connection points and routing requirements
 - Technical requirement, including line capacity
 - Available information regarding ratepayer benefits

Ontario Energy Board Process

- OPA identifies preliminary need for a transmission project based on an informed, effective plan e.g. IPSP or ECT.
- OEB invites licensed transmitters to file project plans by a specific date.
 - According to the Filing Requirements in docket G-2010-0059
 - Includes the opportunity for information sessions with OPA regarding project specifics
- Board issues a Notice of Hearing to designate a transmitter for development work.
 - Includes provisions for intervenors, discovery and the hearing
- Board issues an Order for the designated transmitter to develop the plan for the project and bring in an application for leave to construct.
 - Is conditioned on the transmitter meeting milestones.
 - Includes reporting commitments so that the Board can track progress.



Board policy on decision criteria

- Financial and Technical Capability
 - Organization and Experience of the team
 - Participation by First Nations and Métis groups should be noted where applicable
 - Technical Capability of the team
 - Financing
- Project plan
 - Schedule and Costs
 - Development and construction
 - Timing (with milestones)
 - Consultation with land Owners, First Nations and Métis and other relevant parties
- Economic Efficiency of Overall Plan



Additional Information

- The OEB policy, filing requirements for transmitters, and the associated documentation can be found on the Board's website by reference to the docket (EB-2010-0059) or directly at:
<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Policy+Initiatives+and+Consultations/Transmission+Project+Development+Planning>
- Further details are expected to be available following the Board's review of the OPA's report, requested by June 30.





IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	July 4, 2011
Community Names	Animibiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA); Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA); Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA); Red Rock Indian Band and Whitesand First Nation, all owners of the Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. Development Corporation
Meeting Location	Red Rock Indian Band
Number of Participants Present	9
Meeting length	Approximately 2 hours 20 minutes

CONSULTATION NOTES

Background

- The meeting with the Lake Nipigon First Nations (noted above) was the result of a May 31, 2011 letter from the Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. Development Corporation (WZI) requesting a meeting with the OPA in regards to having the Little Jackfish Project “expressly referenced in the IPSP document that will be reviewed by the OEB”. The letter also offered to provide a tour of the communities for various reasons noted in the May 31, 2011 letter.
- The OPA accepted the offer from WZI and WZI developed the meeting agenda. Given the geographic location of the communities, the agenda was set to meet with the four communities - Animibiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA); Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA); Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA); and Red Rock Indian Band- on the east side of Lake Nipigon on July 4, 2011 and with the one community - Whitesand First Nation - on the west side of Lake Nipigon on July 5, 2011.

Consultation

- The meeting participants discussed whether or not such meetings, including the regional session held in Thunder Bay on June 22, 2011, were consultation.
- One Chief stated that it was not right for the OPA to define the consultation process. As a result, it may be necessary to go back to “square one”. The Chief stated that this also applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Transportation and other government ministries.
- The OPA responded with an overview of the duty to consult, as delegated to the OPA from the Ministry of Energy (and captured in the Memorandum of Understanding that is on the OPA web-site). The OPA also recognized that each community may have a different approach to

consultation and that a number of Chiefs have made the statement that they viewed community sessions as information sharing. OPA staff communicated that the OPA values strong working relationships with First Nations communities and is working to facilitate these relationships through this process and other ongoing activities.

- The Chief of Rocky Bay stated that his community did not consider the meeting consultation and that the OPA would be contacted at a future date if they wished to participate further.
- The OPA explained the role of the Ontario Energy Board in regards to the IPSP consultation process and the work undertaken by the OPA.
- There was a significant amount of discussion regarding any duty to consult with respect to the IPSP. Background information on the development of the IPSP was provided to the Lake Nipigon Chiefs. The background information provided included:
 - An IPSP is developed every three years.
 - Developing the IPSP is an ongoing process. Once an IPSP is “completed” the process of gathering information continues. Thus, it is important that there be ongoing communication and information exchange between First Nation communities and the OPA.
 - The IPSP is developed to meet specific government policy objectives. In developing the IPSP report, the OPA will undertake a process for First Nation communities to review the technical information that has been collected.
 - After the OPA review process, the IPSP is submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). The OEB will undertake an additional public review process in which First Nation communities can participate.
 - Once the OEB completes its public review, and the IPSP is approved, specific projects may then be acted upon.
 - Any specific projects (e.g. transmission, generation), that are acted upon are required to meet all of their specific regulatory requirements. These regulatory requirements will include meeting any duty to consult that may apply to that specific project.
- Providing this overall perspective from planning to project implementation, provided a more comprehensive framework for discussion.
- Participants at this session were very clear that their primary interest in the IPSP is in regards to the portion of the IPSP that may impact their communities. Though the provincial context can provide an overall picture of what is required, the focus of the discussion was always on the areas in and around their communities or by projects that could directly or indirectly impact their communities.

Planning

- The participants stated that they wanted to be directly involved in the details of the IPSP planning process for the North – right from the beginning. It was their perspective that that when planning for their future, the First Nation communities should determine if consultation is required.
- The First Nation participants made several references to the *Far North Act* and some of the deficiencies that the participants were experiencing, including some related to consultation.
- OPA staff explained the OPA’s planning mandate and how that mandate is based upon policy direction set out by the government via a written directive. During this IPSP outreach process the OPA has the opportunity to gather regional information.
- The question arose as to the definition of the North. It was felt that the Thunder Bay regional session covered too broad of an area and there was not enough information specific to the

North.

- The OPA clarified that the North, for the IPSP purposes, is defined as the area north of Sudbury, which includes all of Northeastern (NE) - east of Wawa- and Northwestern (NW) Ontario.
- The participants were not concerned with any parts of the IPSP dealing with NE Ontario.
- During the session the participants mentioned several mining projects in which they were engaged to a significant degree, including the development of an Impact Benefit Agreement. Some participants said that the mining companies had completed their exploration work and would soon be looking to develop the mine site.
 - OPA staff appreciated the sharing of this information and emphasized the importance of this information in the overall planning process. OPA staff noted that it is at sessions such as this where the OPA can acquire strategic planning information. OPA staff requested any public information that the participants have on any mining activity in their area.

IPSP and the Little Jackfish River (LJR) Generation Project

- It was noted that the LJR project was mentioned in the province's Long Term Energy Plan yet it is not mentioned in the IPSP.
- The participants noted that the IPSP does not include any projects east of Lake Nipigon.
 - They also noted that at the June 22, 2011 session in Thunder Bay, east of Lake Nipigon was not on the map shown by the OPA. A participant asked, "How do you think that made us feel?"
- The participants noted that the LJR project had been included in the previous IPSP as well as the Long-Term Energy Plan. However, in the current IPSP documentation, LJR is not mentioned.
 - At the June 3 Regional Session in Toronto the representative from Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek asked for the transmission line to LJR be identified as the sixth priority transmission project. The BNA representative did receive a response from the OPA at the June 3rd meeting, that the transmission line to LJR should be included by Ontario Power Generation as part of the project cost. BNA's position is that the LJR transmission line should be considered a public enabler project.
 - The OPA provided further clarification on the cost allocation of transmission to various generation projects.
 - The participants requested that the OPA make the LJR project the sixth priority transmission project for the IPSP. The OPA stated that they cannot make this commitment, as the setting of the priorities was provided in the policy planning directive set out for the OPA by the Minister.
 - Participants noted that there was a need to meet with various Ministers to address issues with MNR, the *Far North Act* and LJR.
- There was a question as to how the transmission line that was initially proposed to go up the east side of Lake Nipigon was now routed on the west side of Lake Nipigon. The technical aspects and economic factors impacting on the west side of Lake Nipigon were addressed in detail by the OPA Power System Planning representative present at the meeting. This explanation provided clarification to the session participants.
- One of the participants noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) had made a statement that there would not be any development of transmission lines in the area of LJR due to the presence of caribou. It was concluded that it would be necessary for the participants to

meet with MNR to clarify this matter.

Generation and the Economic Connection Test (ECT)

- Participants noted that two years ago the former Minister of Energy had identified 20 transmission projects to facilitate renewable generation, of which LJR was one.
 - OPA staff provided the context for the former Minister's identification of the transmission project, including background information on the development of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act*.
- Participants then asked about the FIT program and the maximum allocation of 100 MW for Northwest Ontario and the development of the East-West tie.
 - OPA staff provided a detailed explanation of the economic connection test (ECT). This in turn, provided the context for the 100 MW of renewable generation projects in northwest Ontario.
 - The technical importance of the East-West tie was also discussed with respect to system reliability and the ability of electricity to flow north to south (and vice versa).
- One of the participants stated that at the June 22 Regional session in Thunder Bay it was noted that there were 8,800 MW of renewable generation. The participant said that of this 8,800 MW, approximately 400 MW were allocated to First Nations.
 - The OPA did not have the number of renewable projects with First Nations participation and will provide this information to WZI.
- The participants stated that there are a number of renewable generation projects on the east side of Lake Nipigon other than the LJR project. One participant stated that there was 325 MW of renewable energy on the east side, including LJR. From the participant's perspective, these generation resources could supply the remote communities, the Ring of Fire and the chromite smelter. The participants noted that they have a good working relationship with the Matawa communities located in the Ring of Fire.

Other Economic Benefits

- OPA staff stated that in developing the IPSP, projects are assessed in terms of the economic benefits to the electrical system and benefits to Ontario electricity ratepayers. From the perspective of the meeting participants, other broad economic benefits, such as job creation for First Nation communities, must also be considered.
 - It was noted by the participants that there appears to be a "disconnect" in government policy. The LJR project is not in the current IPSP yet another government ministry has provided over \$11 million dollars for the training of First Nations' members in the Lake Nipigon area, with much of that training predicated upon the creation of jobs at the LJR project.
 - OPA staff acknowledged that there were other possible economic benefits, and that some were being identified in the work of the Northwest Ontario First Nations Transmission Planning Committee. (The Lake Nipigon Chiefs have a representative on the Committee.) OPA staff noted that the identification of any other economic benefits relating to the LJR or projects included in the IPSP should be made by the Lake Nipigon Chiefs in writing to assist the OPA in its discussions with the Lake Nipigon communities of these benefits.

Conclusion

- OPA staff emphasized the importance of ongoing exchange of information in regards to Ontario's electricity system, related projects and various programs that can be of assistance to First Nation communities. OPA staff communicated the message that the OPA is committed to furthering its relationships with the participants, as a group or individually, in the future. An IPSP is produced every three years, however, the exchange and sharing of information with First Nations communities is a continuous and beneficial process in the development of an IPSP.
 - Participants recognized the importance of stating their needs, specifically regarding economic benefits that are not captured in the evaluation undertaken by the OPA. The First Nation participants made a commitment to provide the OPA with a written document that would capture their analysis of the economic benefits to their communities of generation and transmission projects.

Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA) Community Visit

- Some of the First Nation participants provided a tour of BNA community, which is currently being developed at the site of the former Lake Nipigon Provincial Park.
- OPA staff were taken to a site that overlooked the proposed community. The site was currently being evaluated for its potential for wind generation. This site was also the access road to a lithium mine site that is currently in the exploration stages.
- One of the BNA representatives noted that his community is working towards being an economically self-sufficient community, not dependent upon government/INAC funding grants to be sustainable.
- OPA staff were informed that the first stage of the community development is a sawmill and wood pellet plant. BNA anticipates construction to be completed within the next 18 months.
- Community members have undertaken a significant amount of work to plan the development of the physical community. The plan includes the development of an industrial park (anchored by the sawmill and pellet plant) near the highway; an elders' complex overlooking the lake; a resort; and community buildings (residential and commercial).
 - OPA staff discussed with BNA representatives the AEPP programs that may be of assistance to their current efforts.



IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	August 5, 2011
Community Name	Ginoogaming First Nation
Meeting Location	Matawa First Nations Tribal Council Office
Number of Participants Present	8
Meeting length	1 hour

CONSULTATION NOTES

Generation

- What is the status of the Jackfish River Project?
- Why did Ontario Power Generation halve our 25% ownership stake in the Long Lake Hydroelectric dam project when Long Lake No. 58 became involved? We don't believe that the project is within their traditional territory, only ours.
- We are aware that various small projects are being planned or built in our area. How is the OPA ensuring that these projects are being coordinated?

Transmission

- What is the status of the transmission line around Nipigon which may be routed through our traditional territory?
- Is the line to Pickle Lake originating in Ignace/Dryden? If not, where?

Consultation

- We were not available to attend one of the regional chiefs' meetings held by the OPA. Can you provide us with a copy of the meeting notes from the Thunder Bay session?

Feed-in-Tariff

- Ginoogaming looked into installing solar panels on various community buildings but learned that the electricity produced has to be sold to the grid and cannot be used directly to reduce hydro bills. As well, installing solar panels requires a very large upfront investment that the band simply cannot afford. The proceeds from the sale of electricity will take about 15 years to pay for the panels. This business model doesn't work for us.

Impact of Electricity Projects

- Ginoogaming is seriously concerned about the impacts caused by transmission lines and hydro dams to the land, water and air and their treaty rights. They are not opposed to development, but also want to benefit if these projects are being developed. The community has treaty rights, and under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, has the right of free and informed consent.

Electricity Retailers

- What role does the OPA play with respect to electricity retailers who prey upon elders and other vulnerable community members? The community experienced much difficulty with such companies. What has been done to address their sharp business practices?

Treaty Relationship

- Ginoogaming is a Treaty 9 community, some of the neighbouring communities are Robin-Superior signatories. Under the treaty Ginoogaming agreed to share the land.

Ring of Fire

- Ginoogaming is aware that the Ring of Fire project is moving forward, and it also wants to benefit from this development.



IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	June 29, 2011
Community Name	Long Lake No. 58 First Nation
Meeting Location	Band Office
Number of Participants Present	5
Meeting length	1 hour, 45 min

CONSULTATION NOTES	
<p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The members present were of the view that the session was not a proper consultation. They stated that a junior staff member should not have been sent and that the attendance of an expert or a senior staff member is required. ▪ What is the OPA's protocol for consultation? ▪ What is the OPA's determination for the scope and content of consultation with respect to the IPSP? ▪ Why weren't First Nations, namely Long Lake No. 58, involved in the initial development of the IPSP? ▪ Why were some projects in IPSP 1 not included in IPSP II? ▪ Why can't the OPA have an actual person answer the phone? We call and reach an automated message. ▪ The members present objected to the use of the word "consultation" on the sign-in sheet. They insisted that it be crossed out before they would add their names. <p>IPSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who is making the decisions to provide power to the grid? What are the policies and priorities? <p>Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What conservation programs are available to encourage our members to conserve electricity? <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long Lake No. 58 submitted for an application for a natural gas plant two years ago. Why hasn't the application been processed yet? Who makes the rules and final decisions on the project 	

applications?

- Why isn't Marten Falls on the remote community list?



IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	June 20, 2011
Community Name	Ojibways of Garden River
Meeting Location	Lands and Resource Office
Meeting length	10:00am-12:00pm First meeting 11:45-1:00pm Second meeting

CONSULTATION NOTES

IPSP questions raised by Community members:

Q: There was a recent power outage between Sault Ste. Marie and Thessalon. Was this a result of supply shortages?

A: Ontario's supply situation is adequate for the next couple of years. The outage was most likely a result of poor weather conditions.

Q: Algoma Steel is a coal burning facility; will it be impacted by the plan to phase out coal? Will this impact jobs?

A: No, this will not have any effect on Algoma Steel, as Ontario's coal closure policy only affects electricity generation facilities.

Q: What are the impacts of any transmission lines to our community?

A: The Ministry of Energy representative explained the process whereby the proponents will have to pass the Ontario Energy Board approvals, an EA and any other applicable approvals. These processes will provide opportunities for additional public input. Responsibilities to do further Aboriginal consultation will be with the specific project proponent.

Q: When the East-West Tie transmission line will be built will you ensure that the First Nations communities will participate in the economic benefits, such as employment opportunities?

A: When reviewing proponents' development plans, the Ontario Energy Board will look at the plans and evidence and may request further evidence, and will provide opportunities for First Nations to provide further comment.

Consultation

- The Consultation Coordinator stated that she wasn't sure whether that day's meeting could be considered consultation as a Chief and Council meeting had to be rescheduled and the Utility Commission members who were supposed to attend the community consultation meeting with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and Ministry of Energy were attending newly rescheduled Chief and Council meeting. The Consultation Coordinator concluded that she would continue the

meeting however she would need to take information back to the community for further review.

- The Consultation Coordinator stated that they can provide today's presentation and a briefing to Chief and Council at the next community meeting. She will put the information in a bulletin and include all the IPSP information that was provided. This information will be distributed at the next Chief and Council meeting. If there are any additional questions or concerns from the community members they will forward the information to the OPA.
- The OPA representative informed the Consultation Coordinator that the IPSP community consultation meetings will need to be completed by July 15, 2011. This would provide the OPA time to complete the report and submit it to the Ontario Energy Board by August 2011.
- The consultation on the East-West Tie is to be completed by June 30, 2011.
- The Chief is an ex-officio member of the Utility Commission. He will be informed of the process and information provided.

Transmission

- One issue of concern is that one of five utilities, Great Lakes Power, was provided a permit for an existing 40-metre wide 230 kV line right of way. Garden River is in discussions regarding compensation for this line.
- The Consultation Coordinator stated that she is aware of the benefits of the transmission lines. However they would like to be compensated for any impacts that may involve Garden River and its traditional territory. The concern is for non-use of land, loss of land, impacts to bear, moose, deer, and fish.

East West Tie

- What are the direct impacts of this line on Garden River First Nation?
- The Ministry of Energy representative explained the process whereby the proponents will have to pass all applicable approvals including an EA, should the project proceed to the Ontario Energy Board designation process and subsequently be assigned to one of the licensed transmitters for development. Responsibilities to do further Aboriginal consultation will be with the specific project proponent.
- The new process of designating a transmission line in selecting a proponent was discussed with the Garden River Consultants. The regulator will determine a transmitter. The proponents will require a license to participate in the bid.
- The East-West tie is expected to be a 400 km, 230 kV line that will allow electricity supply to flow between the Northwest and the rest of Ontario.
- The OEB will require a technical report with preliminary information from the OPA. The transmitter it designates to undertake the development work will be responsible for securing all applicable approvals.
- Garden River can also provide further comments at a later time.
- The OEB will look at the plan and evidence and may request further evidence. There will be opportunities for First Nations to provide further comment.
- There was a letter sent from the Minister of Energy to the Ontario Energy Board expressing the government's interest in the board undertaking a designation process for the East-West Tie. The letter noted the expectation that the weighing of specific decision criteria for the designation process provide appropriate consideration of Aboriginal participation in the delivery of the line, as well as the proponent's ability to carry out the procedural aspects of the duty to consult.

Energy will forward the letter to the Garden River Consultant.

- The Ontario Power Authority provided the slides from the general stakeholder session, the Sudbury Aboriginal session and the First Nation community consultation power point presentations to the Consultation Coordinator. The Ministry of Energy provided their power point presentation slide deck to the Garden River Consultant.

Continued consultation lunch meeting with Utilities Commission members:

11:45 pm - Three members of the Utilities Commission joined the community consultation session just as it was ending. All five Garden River First Nations members along with the Ontario Power Authority and the Ministry of Energy representative went to lunch at the Garden River First Nation golf clubhouse.

The Ministry of Energy representatives were unable to stay for lunch however they joined the group for further discussion regarding the East-West tie for approximately 35 minutes. The Ministry of Energy stayed until 12:30 pm. They provided a very brief overview of the process. The Garden River Consultant reassured the Utilities Commission member that she would provide the information in a bulletin and take it back to Chief and Council at the next meeting and distribute it to community members.

12:30 -1:00 pm The OPA representative also provided a brief overview of the IPSP and the Aboriginal consultation outreach to the Utilities Commission members.

As Garden River First Nation was to attend the regional consultation session in Thunder Bay on June 22, 2011 it was suggested that Garden River First Nation could bring technical questions forward there. This session would provide more detail and also the experts from the Ontario Power Authority and the Ministry of Energy would be in attendance. Following the Aboriginal regional and community consultation sessions any First Nation has the opportunity to continue to make further comments to the OPA.

The Utilities Commission member stated that they were in a unique position at Garden River First Nation because they have Aboriginal consultation workers who can assess the information and provide feedback. It is difficult to get community member out to participate in consultation sessions. Turnout is often low. They are proud to say the consultation workers are doing a great job at managing the utilities file.

Notes have been reviewed by BFN.



IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	July 5, 2011
Community Name	Representatives from the Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. Development Corporation (WZI) and Whitesand First Nation
Meeting Location	Red Rock Indian Band
Number of Participants Present	8
Meeting length	Session: Community Tour: 4 hours

CONSULTATION NOTES

Background

- The meeting was the result of a May 31, 2011 letter from the Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. Development Corporation (WZI) requesting a meeting with the OPA in regards to having the Little Jackfish project “expressly referenced in the IPSP document that will be reviewed by the OEB”. The letter also offered to provide a tour of the communities for various reasons noted in the May 31, 2011 letter.
- The OPA accepted the offer from WZI and WZI developed the agenda. Given the geographic location of the communities, the agenda was set to meet with the four communities, Animibiigoo Zaagi’igan Anishinaabek (AZA); Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA); Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA); and Red Rock Indian Band, on the east side of Lake Nipigon on July 4, 2011 and with the one community - Whitesand First Nation - on the west side of Lake Nipigon on July 5, 2011.
- The July 5, 2011 session was held at the Whitesand First Nation Band Council office. The meeting portion of the session started at 10:30 am and ended at about 12:15 pm. The community visit started at approximately 1:45 pm and ended at 4:00 pm.
- Whitesand has approximately 1,200 members, with about 400 in Whitesand, approximately 100 in the town of Armstrong (which is adjacent to Whitesand). The majority of Whitesand members live in Thunder Bay.

Consultation

- A brief introduction was made by Whitesand’s Consultation Coordinator where it was referenced that the OPA was undertaking community consultation.

IPSP and the Little Jackfish River (LJR) Generation Project

- LJR is an important project for Whitesand. In the eighties, Whitesand had initially opposed the LJR (as designed at that time). The project was scaled back however to address the social, political and cultural concerns of community members.
- The \$11.025 million in training funding received from the province is heavily tied to LJR.
- At the June 22, 2011 regional session in Thunder Bay, Whitesand did not see the interests of the communities that are east of Lake Nipigon being represented, namely the Lake Nipigon Communities and the Matawa communities.
 - Whitesand confirmed that they have an excellent working relationship with the Matawa communities.
 - There was a brief discussion on the proposed rail corridor to the Ring of Fire and the possibility of using that corridor to supply power to area.

Planning

- Whitesand session participants made reference to a number of important economic developments in the area:
 - a wood pellet plant will be constructed, as Whitesand has received the wood allocation from the Ontario government.
 - Work currently being undertaken by a mining company in the area. The mining company is interested in reliable power.
 - In anticipation of the economic expansion from various projects, additional houses are being built to accommodate the population increase.

Renewable Energy Generation

- Whitesand is looking to construct a 3.5 MW biomass generator. The biomass plant would provide enough electrical power to supply the three communities of Armstrong, Collins and Whitesand.
- If Whitesand is able to obtain additional wood allocation, the generating plant could be expanded to 10 MW.
- Whitesand is in the process of negotiating a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI).
 - HORCI has expressed concerns over developing a PPA, as this is not their business. Whitesand does not also want to have to absorb costs for mistakes in the development of a PPA with HORCI.
- Whitesand stated that they want to see the OPA involved in the development of the PPA with HORCI.
 - Whitesand wants to see the OPA involved in the negotiations.
 - Whitesand wants the PPA contract with HORCI to transfer over to FIT (or a FIT-type of contract) once Whitesand is connected to the grid. The FIT-type pricing available at the time of the signing of the PPA with HORCI should continue once Whitesand is grid connected.
 - This type of PPA – between HORCI and a remote community – could be a model for the other remote communities.

Other Economic Benefits

- Whitesand representatives emphasized that the economic benefits of the LJR went beyond that of Whitesand and the other Lake Nipigon communities. Economic benefits would also accrue to Ontario.

Gaps in Government Programs and Policies

- A question was asked as to how persons who undergone training will be impacted if the LJR project is not approved.

Remote FIT

- Whitesand requested the assistance of the OPA in the development of a PPA with HORCI. This requires follow-up by the OPA.
- If further consideration is to be given to the development of a remote FIT program, Whitesand should be contacted for their input.

Whitesand Community Visit

- Members of Whitesand provided OPA staff with a tour of the Whitesand community and the redevelopment of the site of the original community, which is located within the boundaries of Windigo Bay Provincial park, on the shores of Lake Nipigon. This site is being redeveloped by the community.



IPSP 2: ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION MEETING NOTES

Date	July 14, 2011
Community Name	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
Meeting Location	Thunder Bay office
Number of Participants Present	3
Meeting length	2 hours

CONSULTATION NOTES
IPSP questions raised by Community members:
<p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rather than junior staff, senior OPA staff/decision-makers should visit northern Ontario towns and reserves to improve their knowledge of realities in the north, such as the high cost of electricity. <p>Transmission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the OPA doing to address the impacts of transmission lines to wildlife such as moose and deer? Red Sky members are concerned that transmission corridors will give hunters from other areas, such as Sudbury where game is depleted, better access to game in their territory. Red Sky members are dedicated to ensuring that game is impacted as little as possible, thus preserving those resources for future generations. Are there funds available to do a study on impacts to game? ▪ Does this IPSP address the need for electricity system development caused by large projects such as the Ring of Fire? ▪ When will the East-West Tie be completed? <p>Electricity Exports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How much electricity does Ontario obtain from Manitoba? <p>Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are residents in southern Ontario being encouraged to conserve electricity as much as residents in northern Ontario?

IPSP Approval Process

- How is the IPSP evaluated by the Ontario Energy Board? What criteria does it use to determine whether to approve, not approve or modify it?
- Will the Ontario Energy Board hold some of its hearings in northern Ontario?
- If Red Sky decides to intervene at the hearings for the IPSP, are there funds available from the OEB to do so?

Nuclear Waste

- Red Sky disagrees with Ontario's reliance on nuclear power due to the creation of nuclear waste. Red Sky heard that the cost of disposal/storage is not figured into the full cost of nuclear.

Cumulative Impacts

- What is being done to address the cumulative impacts to fish and game, and thus hunting rights, that electricity system development contributes to?
- Red Sky is still concerned about the impacts to fish, i.e. sturgeon, caused by the Little Jackfish River Project. Red Sky is of the view that OPG did not adequately address their concerns.
- Is there funding available for Red Sky to do a TEK study?

Impacts to Wildlife

- With respect to the Little Jackfish River Project, Red Sky wants impacts to sturgeon and other fish to be better addressed.

Electricity Pricing

- If the majority of Ontario's electricity is generated in the north, then why do northern Ontario residents pay more for electricity than residents in southern Ontario?
- Red Sky heard that FIT prices are going to change in October. Is that the case?

**IPSP CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION
BY MÉTIS COMMUNITIES ON THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY'S
EAST-WEST TIE CONSULTATION LIST**

Community	IPSP Community Consultation Meeting	Participated in OPA-MNO Conference Call of June 29, 2011
Greenstone Métis Council		Yes
Red Sky Independent Métis Nation	July 28, 2011	Not a member community of the MNO.
Superior North Shore Métis Council		Yes
Thunder Bay Métis Council		Yes



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I am sorry that we missed you when we were in your territory earlier this week. I will look forward to visiting your community soon.
Best, Hillary



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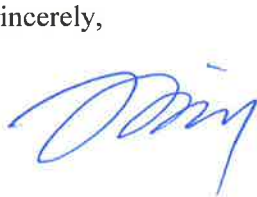
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Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 1A5

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I am following up from the request by Jeff Schnuerer of the OPA to set aside time for a meeting with your community. As there has not been an opportunity to present information to your community directly, I am sending you a copy of the presentation that the OPA prepared on the East-West Tie. On June 30th, 2011, the OPA submitted a technical report on the project to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for consideration. I am attaching a copy of that report for your interest and review. This report provides information on the background and rationale for the expanded East-West Tie line, as well as the OPA's recommendation on its scope and timing.

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c: Kaili Sermat-Harding, Director, Ministry of Energy

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2. Long Term Electricity Outlook for the Northwest and Context for the East-West Tie Expansion



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July 7, 2011

President Trent Desaulnier
Superior North Shore Métis Council
26 Princess Street
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0

Dear President Desaulnier,

I am writing to follow up on the letter that you received from the Ministry of Energy on June 1st, 2011 regarding the new East-West Tie transmission project. In that letter, the Ministry indicated that the planning for the East-West Tie is at an early stage and that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) would be carrying out certain procedural aspects of consultation on this transmission project during our ongoing consultation process on the Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP).

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July 7, 2011

President Wendy Landry
Thunder Bay Métis Council
226 May Street South
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 1B4

Dear President Landry,

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*Hi Wendy,
I look forward
to continuing our
work together!*

c: President Gary Lipinski, MNO
Melanie Paradis, Métis Consultation Unit, MNO
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**SUMMARY OF REGISTERED MAIL RECEIPTS
FOR JULY 8, 2011 EAST-WEST TIE LETTERS -
COLIN ANDERSEN TO VARIOUS FIRST NATIONS AND METIS**

FIRST NATION	STATUS OF LETTER
Chief Yvette Metansinine Animbiigoo Zaag'igan Anishinaabek First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Bart Hardy Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Paul Gladu Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Peter Collins Fort William First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Lyle Sayers Garden River First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Celia Echum Ginoogaming First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Veronica Waboose Long Lac No. 58 First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Joseph Buckell Michipicoten First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Kim Rainville Missanabie Cree First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Dean Sayers Ojibways of Batchewana	Successfully delivered.
Chief Roy Michano Ojibways of Pic River	Successfully delivered.
Chief Xavier Thompson Pays Plat First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Johanna Desmoulin Pic Moberg First Nation	Successfully delivered.
Chief Pierre Pelletier Red Rock Indian Band	Successfully delivered.
Donelda De Laronde Red Sky Independent Métis Nation	Successfully delivered.
President William Gordon Greenstone Métis Council	Successfully delivered.
Cameron Burgess, Chair Region 2 Consultation Committee Métis Nation of Thunder Bay	Successfully delivered.
President Trent Sesaulnier Superior North Shore Metis Council	Successfully delivered.
President Wendy Landry Thunder Bay Métis Council	Successfully delivered.

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2011/07/11	11:06	BEARDMORE	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

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2011/07/11	11:06	BEARDMORE	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	11:06		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		AZA
2011/07/11	07:48	BEARDMORE	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/15	AM	MACDIARMID	Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/15	AM	MACDIARMID	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/15	AM		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		Julia King
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
2011/07/08	15:41	TORONTO	Item accepted at the Post Office		

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2011/07/11	12:35	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	12:35	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	12:35		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		PAUL GLADU
2011/07/11	09:30	THUNDER BAY	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/10	18:09	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	11:12	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	11:12	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	11:12		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		J KASTERN
2011/07/11	08:53	THUNDER BAY	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/10	18:09	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	12:48	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	12:48	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	12:48		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		ASHLEY VINCENT
2011/07/11	08:53	SAULT STE MARIE	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	10:11	LOGLAC	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	10:11	LOGLAC	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	10:11		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		GINOOGAMING FIRST NATION
2011/07/11	08:19	LOGLAC	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/11	13:34	LONGLAC	Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	13:34	LONGLAC	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	13:34		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		LONG LAC 58 FIRST NATION
2011/07/11	08:20	LONGLAC	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/12	09:00	WAWA	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/12	09:00	WAWA	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/12	09:00		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		BUCKELL JOSEPH
2011/07/11	11:05	WAWA	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/19	09:03	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/19	09:03	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/19	09:03		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		kim rainville
2011/07/16	08:57	SAULT STE MARIE	Final Notice; Item will be returned to sender if not collected within 10 days	CHURCHILL PLACE P.O.	
2011/07/11	16:11	SAULT STE MARIE	Item available for pickup at Post Office		
2011/07/11	15:38	SAULT STE MARIE	Item arrived at Post Office		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/11	14:48	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	14:48	SAULT STE MARIE	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	14:48		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		DOLLY SYRETTE
2011/07/11	08:53	SAULT STE MARIE	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/12	10:22		Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/12	10:22		Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/12	10:22		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		Chief Roy Michano
2011/07/11	11:02		Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:00	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
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2011/07/14	15:25	SCHREIBER	Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/14	15:25	SCHREIBER	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/14	15:25		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		XAVIER THOMPSON
2011/07/11	08:19	SCHREIBER	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/11	08:18	SCHREIBER	Item available for pickup at Post Office		
2011/07/11	07:06	SCHREIBER	Item out for delivery		
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2011/07/11	AM	WHITE RIVER	Item successfully delivered		

Track History

Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	AM	WHITE RIVER	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	AM		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		karen gaudette
2011/07/11	11:29	WHITE RIVER	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/09	01:00	CANADA	Item Delayed - Temporary volume surge as we resume operations		
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2011/07/11	12:14	NIPIGON	Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	12:14	NIPIGON	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	12:14		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		RED ROCK BAND
2011/07/11	07:57	NIPIGON	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	13:23	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	13:23		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		S BLEKKENHORST
2011/07/11	09:03	THUNDER BAY	Item out for delivery		
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2011/07/11	12:01	GERALDTON	Item successfully delivered		

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Date	Time	Location	Description	Retail Location	Signatory Name
2011/07/11	12:01	GERALDTON	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	12:01		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		WILLIAM GORDON
2011/07/11	08:27	GERALDTON	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
2011/07/10	18:01	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
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2011/07/11	AM	THUNDER BAY	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	AM		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		R MALUGA
2011/07/11	09:40	THUNDER BAY	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/11	00:00	THUNDER BAY	Item out for delivery		
2011/07/10	18:09	THUNDER BAY	Item processed at postal facility		
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2011/07/11	12:03	TERRACE BAY	Item successfully delivered		

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2011/07/11	12:03	TERRACE BAY	Item successfully delivered		
2011/07/11	12:03		Signature image recorded for Online viewing		SNS METIS COUNCIL
2011/07/11	09:06	TERRACE BAY	Attempted delivery. Notice card left indicating where item can be picked up.		
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Attention: Colin Andersen, CEO

Dear Sir:

Re: IPSP Consultation process with First Nations

Leadership from our First Nation has attended a few consultation sessions and have brought back many concerns.

We strongly feel when you conduct consultations sessions as you had on May 31st in Mississauga and on June 3rd in Toronto, that you should have the appropriate people from your organizations in attendance to answer important questions and to make important decisions as we have to as leaders in our First Nation Communities.

At these sessions there were many questions asked and very few answers. Your organization may feel that these issues were dealt with but we are still waiting for these answers from the appropriate people.

At these consultation sessions you come forward with a consultation process developed with no First Nation input or approval and consider this meaningful consultation but it's not from the First Nations perspectives. If you want to see resource development in our **traditional territories** come to fruition where all parties benefit, then this process needs to change to become meaningful to First Nations.

Also, we are very concerned that Little Jackfish Hydroelectric Dam was mentioned in the Long Term Energy Plan but not mentioned in the IPSP and the Supply Mix Directive. As First Nation Communities trying to work towards brighter futures for our next generations through resource developments these plans are prohibiting/limiting any benefits to be acquired by First Nations.

We are encouraging our other First Nation Communities to support this position and to assert jurisdiction over our treaty and inherit rights to our **traditional territories**.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Consultation Regarding Integrated Power System Plan

Background

BingwiNeyaashiAnishinaabek (BNA), along with the Red Rock Indian Band (RRIB), BiinjitiwaabikZaagingAnishinaabek (BZA), Whitesand First Nation (WFN) and AnimbiigooZaagi'iganAnishinaabek (AZA), who are known collectively as the Lake Nipigon First Nations, have formed WaaskiinaysayZiibi Inc. (WZI) for the purpose of exploring potential hydro-electric development within our traditional territories.

For the past few years we have been working collaboratively with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to explore hydro-electric development on the Little Jackfish River as well as on a variety of other joint venture renewable energy projects under the Feed in Tariff (FIT) program.

The OPA's consultation document indicates it is critical to engage Aboriginal communities early in the process so that we can outline our interests and concerns and also so that the OPA can indicate to us how our interests and concerns have been considered and taken into account in the IPSP process.

Long Term Energy Plan and the Little Jackfish Project

The Long Term Energy Plan ("the Plan") indicates that the province is planning for 9,000 MW of hydro-electric capacity by 2018. It also notes that hydro is the cheapest form of generation in Ontario. In this context it also confirmed that the Little Jackfish Project was under consideration to help fulfill the targets set out in the Plan.



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We are concerned that in the public stakeholder and First Nation consultation meetings held to date the OPA has indicated that it either has, or almost has, sufficient hydro-electric generation identified to meet the Plan's target of 9,000 MW by 2018. In response to questions about the Little Jackfish Project, the OPA also indicated that the Plan was only a draft and therefore, the OPA will be considering all renewable energy projects. We are concerned that there is ongoing confusion about whether the Little Jackfish Project is part of the Plan. It is currently unclear whether our Project is required to help meet the 9,000 MW target or alternatively if the OPA is considering expanding this target beyond 9,000 MW to include our Project in the Plan. Furthermore, the Plan identified 8,127 MW of existing hydro but the OPA Consultation document indicates the existing hydro capacity is 8,351, for a difference of 224 MW. The OPA Consultation document also indicates that there has been attrition in the FIT and related programs but during the preliminary First Nations consultation meeting on June 3rd, the OPA was either unable or unwilling to indicate how much attrition was anticipated. In response to the Supply Mix Directive, WZI submitted that the target for hydro-electric generation for the Province in the period to 2018 should be increased to at least 10,000 MW to increase supply mix options.

We request that these matters be clarified in our consultations with the OPA as the issue of whether the Little Jackfish Project will be needed to meet the Plan's requirements to 2018 is of crucial importance to our communities, particularly given that the Province has already committed significant funding for pre-project training initiatives, our environmental assessment process is well advanced and we are working diligently to conclude partnership negotiations so construction can begin in a timely fashion to meet the 2018 timeframe. We submit that this is a critical component of the dialogue between us given that the Supreme Court of Canada has accepted that consultation with Aboriginal peoples requires that the information provided be sufficient in form and detail to allow the Aboriginal party to prepare its views on the matter [Beckman v. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation 2010 SCC 53, at para. 74]. WZI submits that clarity is essential in the context of the OPA consultations on the IPSP as the OEB will be reviewing the adequacy of the consultation and accommodation of Aboriginal Peoples by the OPA to determine if the requirements of the law as it applies to the IPSP have been satisfied [OPA (Re), 2008 LNONOEB 35, at para. 198]. It is difficult to provide comments when the current assumptions are unclear.



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As we have indicated in previous submissions and discussions, the Little Jackfish Project has a number of unique features that are complementary to other renewable initiatives being implemented under Ontario's Green Energy Act and which are also referenced in the Plan. For example, the Little Jackfish Project can be operated to allow for time shifting of electricity, daily and seasonally. This important feature ensures that water can be stored so that energy can be generated during high demand periods or to firm up other renewable energy sources such as wind. It is submitted that these seasonal water storage features are complementary to the initiatives referred to in the OPA's IPSP Planning and Consultation Overview document and meet the environmental sustainability requirements in the amended IPSP Regulation. In addition, given that attrition has already been identified as a problem in relation to other renewable energy projects, it is submitted that the inclusion of the Little Jackfish Project in the Plan would help to address this problem by ensuring access to a long term sustainable supply of energy that would enhance system reliability.

Our goal is for the Little Jackfish Project which is referenced as a project under consideration in the Long Term Energy Plan, to be expressly referenced in the IPSP document that will be reviewed by the OEB. The Plan clearly indicates that cost-effective hydro-electric projects will be utilized to meet Ontario's long term energy needs. It is submitted that as the Little Jackfish Project has been demonstrated to be cost effective it should be expressly included in the IPSP.

As the OPA has indicated it wants to hear our concerns, we request that the OPA note that a major concern for our communities when examining any economic development/investment opportunity is managing expectations carefully to avoid major disappointments among our citizens who are seeking training and employment opportunities so that they can become economically independent. Economic development opportunities are also equally important to our First Nations governments as projects like the Little Jackfish provide an investment opportunity with a long term sustainable income stream. As our Nations are generally impecunious, we must plan carefully to ensure we can take advantage of such economic development opportunities. Ongoing uncertainty creates an additional burden for our Nations while we try to build capacity. For all of these reasons, we submit it is imperative that the OPA clarify the current uncertainty that exists with respect to the status of the Little Jackfish Project in the context of the overall Plan and confirm in



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the IPSP consultation process that it is needed to meet Ontario's energy needs by 2018.

Long Term Energy Plan and Other Renewable Energy Projects

The community of BingwiNeyaashiAnishinaabek (Sand Point First Nation) and its many partners have been moving ahead with several large industrial and energy projects, as well as resource development opportunities. These will require significant power, while at the same time offer an opportunity to ensure a revenue stream for the First Nation far into the future. These projects are as follows:

- **Cedar Sawmill:** BNA will be utilizing its 6,000 cubic metres per year of cedar that has been allocated by the province, an additional 6,000 cubic metres of cedar in neighbouring forest, and the additional capacity to mill up to 12,000 additional cubic metres of fibre to provide sustainable employment for its members through a \$3.9 million value-added cedar sawmill. Partnerships are being formed with private entities and other First Nations. We expect 24 full time direct and indirect jobs will be created (with two shifts). Construction will begin this spring, and it will be operational by the fall.

ESTIMATED POWER REQUIREMENTS: 1.5 MW (-)

- **Pellet Facility:** BNA, in partnership with AnimbiigooZaagi'iganAnishinaabek (AZA), will be utilizing the 113,000 cubic metres of wood allocated by the province to make 67,400 tons of pellets per year. We are partnering with private entities and other First Nations on this \$12 million initiative. We expect 16 full time direct jobs, and 15 full time indirect jobs, will be created. Construction will begin in the spring of 2012, and it will be operational by the spring of 2013.

ESTIMATED POWER REQUIREMENTS: 1.6 MW (-)

- **Long-Term Elders Health Care Facility:** BNA will be constructing a 210 bed unit for its aging members. It will also include narcotics, pregnancy, and diabetes clinics. We are currently exploring partnerships with the Thunder Bay regional hospital, as well as surrounding First Nations.



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- **Eco-Lodge and Lake Front Cottage Developments:** BNA is looking to develop a 5-star eco-resort on its land base. It has already completed a \$250,000 comprehensive business plan. It is seeking the partnership of neighbouring First Nations for this \$15 million initiative. We expect 20 full time direct jobs, with 80 person years of employment during construction. BNA is also looking to build first-class cottages on its land base right on the shores of Lake Nipigon.
- **Total Infrastructure Requirements:** BNA will require an advanced infrastructure system in order to meet the needs of the membership. This includes a water treatment plant and distribution system, a wastewater treatment plant and collection system, and a telephone and internet distribution system. It will also construct approximately 50 houses for the membership, a Band Office for First Nation administrative matters, a garage for storage, street lights, and numerous other community requirements. This infrastructure, along with the Elders Complex and Eco-lodge described above, will require a stable power supply.

ESTIMATED POWER REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL): 1.2 MW (-)

- **Rock Tech Lithium Mine:** Rock Tech may be opening a 150-person lithium mine adjacent to the BNA land base. Studies have shown that it would have a 20-30 year mine life. Construction may begin in 2013, and it would then be operational by 2014.

ESTIMATED POWER REQUIREMENTS: 20-25 MW (-)

- **Co-Generation Facility:** BNA will utilize the hogfuel produced from the cedar sawmill and pellet plants to heat and power the community. We will be partnering with private entities, as well as surrounding First Nations on this \$6 million initiative. We expect 8-10 full time direct jobs, and 4-6 full time indirect jobs, will be created. Construction will begin in the spring of 2012, and it will be operational by the spring of 2013.

ESTIMATED POWER PRODUCED: 3.8 MW (+)

- **Namewaminikan River Waterpower Project:** BNA, in partnership with AnimbiigooZaagi'iganAnishinaabek (AZA) and BiinjitiwaabikZaagingAnishinaabek (BZA),



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has partnered with Axor Group Inc. on a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project north of our community. This \$45 million project will have 60 person-years of employment created during its construction.

ESTIMATED POWER PRODUCED: 10 MW (+)

- **Wind Power Development:** BNA will use the information provided by its MET tower (currently erected) to see if there is enough wind power for a feasible power project. It is estimated that this project will cost \$250 million.

ESTIMATED POWER PRODUCED (off-reserve): 240 MW (+)

ESTIMATED POWER PRODUCED (on-reserve): 20-25 MW (+)

- **Solar Park Development:** BNA will be initiating the installation of solar panels throughout the newly-constructed community. Most prominently, we will be installing solar panels on the rooftop of the Cedar Sawmill, and showcase it for communities in the North. We will utilize the power for our industrial and residential developments. Our pre-feasibility study is wrapping up in the summer of 2011.

ESTIMATED POWER PRODUCED: 9.9 (+)

Long Term Energy Plan and Transmission

As we indicated in our comments on the Supply Mix Directive and again during the First Nation consultation session on June 3rd, we were very pleased that the East-West Tie Line is one of the five priority transmission projects referenced in the Plan. This line is of significant interest to our Nations as we believe that it will help the Little Jackfish Project as well as our local renewable energy projects come to fruition. We were also very pleased that the Plan acknowledged the need to continue consideration of a line to serve the Nipigon area. A transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon is essential for the Little Jackfish Project as well as the other renewable energy projects our Nations have in the planning stages. This line will also help to meet the Plan's stated goal of eliminating dependence on diesel fuel generation which is expensive and damaging to the environment.



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In our submission to the Minister of Energy in relation to the Supply Mix Directive, we requested that the directive be amended to add the line from Nipigon to the Little Jackfish as the sixth priority line. We were very disappointed that our request was ignored. We hope that the OPA through further consultation with us, as well as a tour of our communities, will recognize that our request is fundamental to successful long term energy development in the northwest region as it would not only accommodate the development of renewable energy projects, but it would also help to serve new load and enhance system reliability. As the OPA is aware, new mining activity in the Ring of Fire requires critical infrastructure investments and energy certainty. WZI submits that crucial development in northern and northwestern Ontario would be well served by confirming that the transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon is a priority line. While we were pleased that the importance of the work of the North-Western Ontario First Nation Transmission Expansion Committee was recognized at the June 3rd consultation meeting, we are concerned that the OPA seemed to be indicating that had to ensure this line was referenced in the Committee's report which was expected by the end of the year in order for it to be considered by the OPA. This is clearly of concern to us as the IPSP will be forwarded to the OEB late this summer. Transmission is obviously required for the Little Jackfish generation project and approval has been obtained to undertake the environmental assessment of the proposed line as part of the overall work we are undertaking. Again, we request that the OPA address this issue with us during our direct consultations.

Summary

In summary, WZI and its member Nations are looking forward to ongoing dialogue with the OPA. As we noted in a letter to CEO Colin Andersen dated May 31, 2011, it is essential that this dialogue take into consideration our concerns as we were disappointed that to date our concerns with the respect to the Supply Mix Directive were largely ignored by the Government (although interestingly enough in the same time period our concerns were heard with respect to our training needs). Therefore, in fairness to all parties, we look forward to having the opportunity to demonstrate to the OPA that we have been working collaboratively and co-operatively to ensure that our Project is cost effective and supports many of the goals set out in the Plan. We anticipate that once the OPA has an opportunity to carefully consider our concerns and our views that the conclusion will be



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reached that the Little Jackfish Project and the transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon should be expressly referenced in the IPSP.

As noted above, BingwiNeyaashiAnishinaabek is moving ahead with many industrial, residential, commercial, and resource development opportunities both on and off-reserve. As we have the unique opportunity to build our community from scratch, we will certainly require a significant amount of power to ensure that our many projects are able to move forward. Likewise, our community and partner First Nations in the region are moving ahead with several renewable energy projects that will *produce* a significant amount of power for the provincial grid. However, without the necessary capacity on the transmission line to ensure that we sell our energy to the grid with a guaranteed return on our investments, our co-generation, wind, water, and solar projects will not be brought online, and a significant source of revenue will not be produced by the First Nation. Our community is anxiously waiting for the day when we will all be able to return to our land with employment opportunities available for our members. For this to occur, it is essential that the Little Jackfish Project and transmission corridor be explicitly referenced in the new IPSP in order to ensure that the vision of our leadership becomes a reality for BNA members.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to submit these preliminary comments. We anticipate that we will be providing further submissions after the regional and local consultations take place later this month.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Attention: John Jeza

Dear John:

During our meeting in Lake Helen on July 4th, we discussed the various projects the WZI shareholders including the Red Rock Indian Band are currently pursuing which have implications for the proposed Little Jackfish Generating Station project and a transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon. This letter will confirm that the Red Rock Indian Band is requesting that a new transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon be a priority within the IPSP. In addition, this will confirm our request that this line be an "enabler transmission line". Establishing the line as an enabler line will allow the Little Jackfish Project to tie into the provincial grid. An enabler line will also provide the Lake Nipigon Nations with other renewable energy opportunities as outlined in WZI's letter to you dated August 5, 2011.

As we discussed during our meeting, the Red Rock Indian Band is in the process of pursuing a number of projects that would help to supply Ontario's renewable energy needs. We currently anticipate that these projects will provide approximately 2,500 MW on new energy. As noted in WZI's letter to you, as the following information is considered proprietary, we would ask that it not be disclosed to the public without our written permission.

However, to assist you in your planning for the northwest region, please note that each of the following projects, require power and help to support the case for the development of a transmission line on the east side of the Lake as well as the development of the Little Jackfish Generating Station:

1. Greenwich wind farm in Dorion Township – approximately 8 towers would be added to the present wind farm for a total of approximately 18.4 MW. This project will provide skilled full-time jobs such as wind turbine technicians, station maintenance electricians, site security and office administration.

2. Wood Waste Burning Steam Turbine – approximately 4 MW will be produced at the newly constructed sawmill/wood furniture manufacturing plant located on the Lake Helen Reserve. It is proposed that a greenhouse also be part of this facility as this will allow fresh produce to be grown for our members. Therefore, in addition to the employment benefits which are estimated to be approximately 140 full-time jobs once the plant is fully operational, there are tremendous long term health benefits that will result from our Members being able to eat fresh vegetables at a reasonable cost year round.
3. Pump Storage Project on the north shore of Lake Superior – (approximately 20 km from the Lake Helen Reserve in an area known as Kama Hill) – approximately 2,464 MW will be produced in two phases of 1,232 MW each. There will be approximately 50 full-time jobs created by this project.

Please note that detailed project reports have been prepared in relation to these projects. In addition, WZI has been approved for an \$11 million training and employment initiative that is being delivered in conjunction with Confederation College. This training initiative will provide needed upgrading and skills development for our people to be able to take advantage of future employment opportunities. As over 250 people from the five Nations have already been assessed and want to take training, these benefits need to be taken into consideration in the development of an IPSP that will meet the needs of those of us who live in north-western Ontario.

While we recognize that much of the power is used by Ontarians to the South of us, we believe that our projects are supportive of the goals outlined in the Long Term Energy Plan and therefore, we request that the OPA include the Little Jackfish Project and the east side transmission line in the IPSP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss these issues further.

Yours truly,



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Dear Sir:

Re: IPSP Consultations

The Red Rock Indian Band (RRIB), Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA), Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA), Whitesand First Nation (WFN) and Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA), known collectively as the Lake Nipigon First Nations have formed Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. (WZI), an Ontario corporation, for the purposes of exploring potential hydro-electric development within our traditional territories.

For the past few years we have been working collaboratively with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to explore hydro-electric development on the Little Jackfish River. This project has some unique features such as seasonal water storage which are complementary to the initiatives referred to in the OPA's IPSP Planning and Consultation Overview document. Our goal is for the Little Jackfish Project which is a project under consideration in the Long Term Energy Plan to be expressly referenced in the IPSP document that will be reviewed by the OEB.

The OPA's consultation document indicates it is critical to engage Aboriginal communities early in the process so that we can outline our interests and concerns and also so that the OPA can indicate to us how information obtained from us has been considered and taken into account in the IPSP process. This dialogue is essential from our perspective as to date we have been very disappointed that the concerns we raised with the respect to the Supply Mix Directive were largely ignored by the Government.

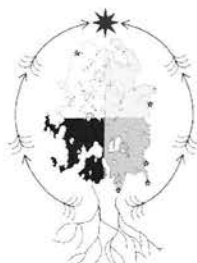
To our knowledge the OPA has not had the opportunity to tour our communities or the site of the proposed project. As the OPA has indicated it will be meeting with Aboriginal communities to hear our concerns, on behalf of our shareholder communities, we wish to invite OPA representatives to tour our communities and the proposed Project site. We believe a tour of our communities will help the OPA obtain a much better understanding of the difficulties faced by communities who are on diesel as well as how the Little Jackfish Project can help meet the Province's energy needs. Travelling between our communities will also help OPA representatives obtain a much better understanding of our pursuit of a transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon.

We look forward to receiving a positive response to our invitation so that we can immediately begin planning a tour of our communities and the Project site.

Yours truly,


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Re: Consultation Regarding Integrated Power System Plan

Background

The Red Rock Indian Band (RRIB), Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA), Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA), Whitesand First Nation (WFN) and Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (AZA), known collectively as the Lake Nipigon First Nations have formed Waaskiinaysay Ziibi Inc. (WZI) for the purpose of exploring potential hydro-electric development within our traditional territories.

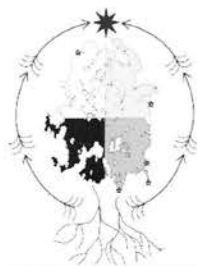
For the past few years we have been working collaboratively with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to explore hydro-electric development on the Little Jackfish River as well as on a variety of other joint venture renewable energy projects under the Feed in Tariff (FIT) program.

The OPA's consultation document indicates it is critical to engage Aboriginal communities early in the process so that we can outline our interests and concerns and also so that the OPA can indicate to us how our interests and concerns have been considered and taken into account in the IPSP process.

Long Term Energy Plan and the Little Jackfish Project

The Long Term Energy Plan ("the Plan") indicates that the province is planning for 9,000 MW of hydro-electric capacity by 2018. It also notes that hydro is the cheapest form of generation in Ontario. In this context it also confirmed that the Little Jackfish Project was under consideration to help fulfill the targets set out in the Plan.

We are concerned that in the public stakeholder and First Nation consultation meetings held to date the OPA has indicated that it either has, or almost has, sufficient hydro-electric generation identified to meet the Plan's target of 9,000 MW by 2018. In response to questions about the



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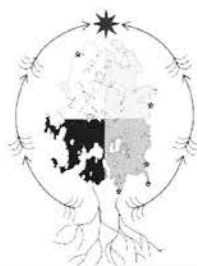
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Little Jackfish Project, the OPA also indicated that the Plan was only a draft and therefore, the OPA will be considering all renewable energy projects. We are concerned that there is ongoing confusion about whether the Little Jackfish Project is part of the Plan. It is currently unclear whether our Project is required to help meet the 9,000 MW target or alternatively if the OPA is considering expanding this target beyond 9,000 MW to include our Project in the Plan. Furthermore, the Plan identified 8,127 MW of existing hydro but the OPA Consultation document indicates the existing hydro capacity is 8,351, for a difference of 224 MW. The OPA Consultation document also indicates that there has been attrition in the FIT and related programs but during the preliminary First Nations consultation meeting on June 3rd, the OPA was either unable or unwilling to indicate how much attrition was anticipated. In response to the Supply Mix Directive, WZI submitted that the target for hydro-electric generation for the Province in the period to 2018 should be increased to at least 10,000 MW to increase supply mix options.

We request that these matters be clarified in our consultations with the OPA as the issue of whether the Little Jackfish Project will be needed to meet the Plan's requirements to 2018 is of crucial importance to our communities, particularly given that the Province has already committed significant funding for pre-project training initiatives, our environmental assessment process is well advanced and we are working diligently to conclude partnership negotiations so construction can begin in a timely fashion to meet the 2018 timeframe. We submit that this is a critical component of the dialogue between us given that the Supreme Court of Canada has accepted that consultation with Aboriginal peoples requires that the information provided be sufficient in form and detail to allow the Aboriginal party to prepare its views on the matter [Beckman v. Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation 2010 SCC 53, at para. 74]. WZI submits that clarity is essential in the context of the OPA consultations on the IPSP as the OEB will be reviewing the adequacy of the consultation and accommodation of Aboriginal Peoples by the OPA to determine if the requirements of the law as it applies to the IPSP have been satisfied [OPA (Re), 2008 LNONOEB 35, at para. 198]. It is difficult to provide comments when the current assumptions are unclear.

As we have indicated in previous submissions and discussions, the Little Jackfish Project has a number of unique features that are complementary to other renewable initiatives being implemented under Ontario's Green Energy Act and which are also referenced in the Plan. For example, the Little Jackfish Project can be operated to allow for time shifting of electricity, daily and seasonally. This important feature ensures that water can be stored so that energy can be generated during high demand periods or to firm up other renewable energy sources such as wind. It is submitted that these seasonal water storage features are complementary to the initiatives referred to in the OPA's IPSP Planning and Consultation Overview document and meet the environmental sustainability requirements in the amended IPSP Regulation. In addition, given that attrition has already been identified as a problem in relation to other renewable energy projects, it is submitted that the inclusion of the Little Jackfish Project in the Plan would help to address this problem by ensuring access to a long term sustainable supply of energy that would enhance system reliability.

Our goal is for the Little Jackfish Project which is referenced as a project under consideration in the Long Term Energy Plan, to be expressly



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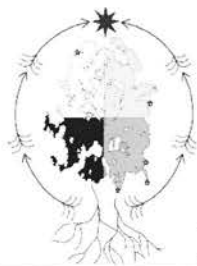
referenced in the IPSP document that will be reviewed by the OEB. The Plan clearly indicates that cost-effective hydro-electric projects will be utilized to meet Ontario's long term energy needs. It is submitted that as the Little Jackfish Project has been demonstrated to be cost effective it should be expressly included in the IPSP.

As the OPA has indicated it wants to hear our concerns, we request that the OPA note that a major concern for our communities when examining any economic development/investment opportunity is managing expectations carefully to avoid major disappointments among our citizens who are seeking training and employment opportunities so that they can become economically independent. Economic development opportunities are also equally important to our First Nations governments as projects like the Little Jackfish provide an investment opportunity with a long term sustainable income stream. As our Nations are generally impecunious, we must plan carefully to ensure we can take advantage of such economic development opportunities. Ongoing uncertainty creates an additional burden for our Nations while we try to build capacity. For all of these reasons, we submit it is imperative that the OPA clarify the current uncertainty that exists with respect to the status of the Little Jackfish Project in the context of the overall Plan and confirm in the IPSP consultation process that it is needed to meet Ontario's energy needs by 2018.

Long Term Energy Plan and Transmission

As we indicated in our comments on the Supply Mix Directive and again during the First Nation consultation session on June 3rd, we were very pleased that the East-West Tie Line is one of the five priority transmission projects referenced in the Plan. This line is of significant interest to our Nations as we believe that it will help the Little Jackfish Project as well as our local renewable energy projects come to fruition. We were also very pleased that the Plan acknowledged the need to continue consideration of a line to serve the Nipigon area. A transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon is essential for the Little Jackfish Project as well as the other renewable energy projects our Nations have in the planning stages. This line will also help to meet the Plan's stated goal of eliminating dependence on diesel fuel generation which is expensive and damaging to the environment.

In our submission to the Minister of Energy in relation to the Supply Mix Directive, we requested that the directive be amended to add the line from Nipigon to the Little Jackfish as the sixth priority line. We were very disappointed that our request was ignored. We hope that the OPA through further consultation with us, as well as a tour of our communities, will recognize that our request is fundamental to successful long term energy development in the northwest region as it would not only accommodate the development of renewable energy projects, but it would also help to serve new load and enhance system reliability. As the OPA is aware, new mining activity in the Ring of Fire area equires critical infrastructure investments and energy certainty. WZI submits that crucial development in northern and northwestern Ontario would be well served by confirming that the transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon is a priority line. While we were pleased that the importance of the work of the North-Western Ontario First Nation Transmission Expansion Committee was recognized at the June 3rd consultation meeting,



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we are concerned that the OPA seemed to be indicating that we had to ensure this line was referenced in the Committee's report which was expected by the end of the year in order for it to be considered by the OPA. This is clearly of concern to us as the IPSP will be forwarded to the OEB late this summer. Transmission is obviously required for the Little Jackfish generation project and approval has been obtained to undertake the environmental assessment of the proposed line as part of the overall work we are undertaking. Again, we request that the OPA address this issue with us during our direct consultations.

Summary

In summary, WZI and its member Nations are looking forward to ongoing dialogue with the OPA. As we noted in a letter to CEO Colin Andersen dated May 31, 2011, it is essential that this dialogue take into consideration our concerns as we were disappointed that to date our concerns with the respect to the Supply Mix Directive were largely ignored by the Government (although interestingly enough in the same time period our concerns were heard with respect to our training needs). Therefore, in fairness to all parties, we look forward to having the opportunity to demonstrate to the OPA that we have been working collaboratively and co-operatively to ensure that our Project is cost effective and supports many of the goals set out in the Plan. We anticipate that once the OPA has an opportunity to carefully consider our concerns and our views that the conclusion will be reached that the Little Jackfish Project and the transmission line on the east side of Lake Nipigon should be expressly referenced in the IPSP.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to submit these preliminary comments. We anticipate that we will be providing further submissions after the regional and local consultations take place later this month.

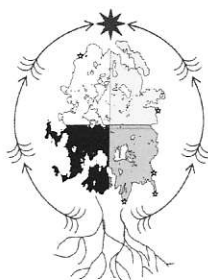
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Joe Donio
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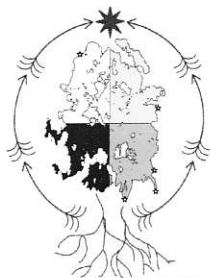
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In our letter dated June 14, 2011, we outlined a number of concerns in relation to the OPA's consultation documents and process. We asked that the OPA meet with WZI and its shareholder communities to clarify a number of matters. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the OPA for having its representatives meet in Lake Helen on July 4th.

We were quite surprised that the OPA indicated that until this meeting it had no information about industry potential or upcoming projects within our territory. As discussed at the meeting, we have requested each of our shareholder communities to prepare a listing of all potential projects that are currently under consideration within our territory. We have attached the complete list as Attachment "A" to this letter. We ask that this attachment be considered private and confidential along with any of the project lists provided by our shareholder communities as each of these projects is being developed within a competitive marketplace. Our purpose in sharing this information is to assist the OPA in its planning process and in particular in planning for transmission developments on the east side of Lake Nipigon. We hope that the information we have shared will result in the OPA recognizing that there are significant benefits that will accrue from the development of the Little Jackfish Project and related transmission.

Unfortunately, we still have a number of questions that were not addressed during our meeting as well as additional questions that arose during our meeting. To assist the OPA in responding to our questions, we have outlined them again as follows:

1. Does the OPA have 9,000 MW of confirmed hydro-electric power without the Little Jackfish Project and if so, what projects are included and how many megawatts is each project?
2. How much existing capacity is there within the system, i.e. 8,127 MW or 8,351 MW?

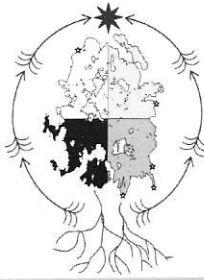


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3. How much attrition has there been in FIT and related programs, or alternatively, what projections have been used for attrition in the OPAs planning assumptions?
4. Will the OPA recommend that the target for hydro-electric generation be expanded beyond 9,000 MW?
5. Why has the OPA allocated the entire cost of transmission on the east side of Lake Nipigon to the Little Jackfish Project as this approach negatively impacts the economics of the project?
6. Why has the OPA assumed there no capacity will be required in the medium term as this assumption also negatively impacts the viability of the Little Jackfish Project? Given that the OPA indicated that it was not aware of the various projects under discussion, will the OPA now revise its assumptions?
7. Why has the OPA used such conservative assumptions related to the price of gas given its volatility which has been driven in part most recently by shale gas availability, a product that is coming under increasing scrutiny for its negative environmental impacts?
8. Has the OPA taken into consideration how the unique features of the Little Jackfish Project can assist the Province in meeting its long term green energy goals by firming up wind power so that it is a more reliable source of power?
9. How does the OPA intend to deal with the its obligations to consider environmental sustainability in developing the IPSP given that to date it has not taken into consideration the unique partnership arrangements between WZI's member communities and WZI and OPG; the major training initiative approved by the Province which is currently being implemented with over 250 members of WZI's shareholder communities already assessed and engaged in the training initiative; business and employment opportunities for WZI shareholder Nations and others within the northwestern region of Ontario as well as regional support for the project as evidenced by resolutions from NOMA, NOACC and others which have been sent to the Premier.
10. How does the OPA intend to enhance the regional development opportunities for northwestern Ontario so that all the benefits of long term energy development do not simply accrue to southern Ontario?



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We look forward to receiving answers to these critical questions as part of the consultation process and in particular whether the OPA is now prepared to expressly include the Little Jackfish Project and transmission on the east side of Lake Nipigon in the IPSP. Without answers to these questions, it is difficult to conclude that there has been bona fide consultation about the development of the IPSP. As the OPA is aware, the OEB has indicated that it will consider the sufficiency of the consultation with Aboriginal peoples as part of its hearings related to the IPSP. We hope it will not be necessary to take the position before the OEB that the consultation process was inadequate.

As always, we are prepared to meet by conference call or in person to discuss our concerns.

Yours truly,

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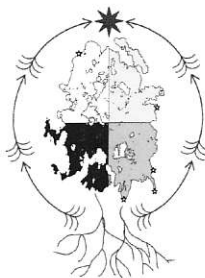
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Attachment "A"

LIST OF PROJECTS

1. **Greenwich Wind Farm** in Dorion Township – plan is to add 8 towers – 18.4 MW
2. **Wood Waste Burning Steam Turbine** for a sawmill/wood furniture manufacturing plant & Greenhouse at Lake Helen Reserve – 4MW

Job Opportunities: 140 long term jobs
3. **Pump Storage Project** on the North Shore of Lake Superior approximately 20 km from Lake Helen to be built in two phases of 1232 MW each for a total of 2464 MW

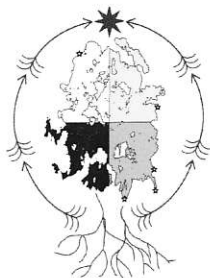
Job Opportunities: 50 full time long term jobs
4. **Cedar Sawmill** for 12,000 cubic meters of cedar – to be operational later this year – 1.5 MW

Job Opportunities: 24 full time and indirect jobs
5. **Pellet Facility** utilizing 113,000 cubic meters of wood to make 67,400 tons of pellets per year with construction to start in 2012 and the plant to be operational in 2013 - 1.6 MW

Job Opportunities: 16 full time direct jobs and 15 full time indirect jobs.
6. **Long Term Elders Health Care Facility** – BNA will be developing a 210 bed unit for its aging members. This project is in the early planning stages.
7. **Eco-Lodge and Lake Front Cottage Developments** – business plan has been completed. Partnerships being sought.

Job Opportunities: 20 full time direct jobs and approximately 80 person years of employment during construction.
8. **New Reserve Development Infrastructure** – BNA and AZA have new land bases and are involved in community planning processes to develop these new reserve lands. Infrastructure such as water treatment plants and distribution systems, wastewater treatment plants and collection systems, telephone and internet distribution systems will be required as well as various government offices, businesses and homes. All will require a stable supply of power – approximately 3 to 5 MW.

Job Opportunities: There will be a number of construction jobs as well as other ongoing jobs.



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9. **Rock Tech Lithium Mine** – this 150 person lithium mine which is located adjacent to BNA's and BZA's land bases is currently anticipated to begin construction around 2013 and become operational in 2014. It will require 20 to 25 MW.

Job Opportunities: It is anticipated that there will be many jobs over a 20 to 30 lifespan.

10. **Co-Generation Facility** – The hogfuel produced by the cedar sawmill and pellet plants will be used to heat and power the new BNA reserve. Construction is to begin in the spring of 2012 – at least 3.8 MW.

Job Opportunities: 8 to 10 full time direct jobs and 4 to 6 indirect jobs will be created.

11. **Namewaminikan River Water Power Project** between BNA, AZA, BZA and Axor Group Inc. to develop a run of the river hydroelectric project – at least 10 MW.

Job Opportunities: 60 person years employment

12. **Wind Power Development** – information from the MET tower that is currently erected is being examined to determine wind power potential. The potential power would be 240 MW off-reserve and 20 to 25 MW on reserve.

13. **Solar Part Development** – solar panels will be used throughout BNA's new community. A pre-feasibility study is currently underway – anticipated power requirements are 9.9MW.

14. **Co-Generation Project for Whitesand, Armstrong and Collins** – 3.5 MW. A power purchase agreement is currently being negotiated.

15. **Pellet Plant** for Whitesand

16. **Landore Mining/Linear Resources** – two smelter plants near Whitesand – over 95 MW.

The total requirements of all of these projects over the short to medium term will be over 3,000 MW.