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BY E-MAIL ONLY

September 04, 2014

Tania Persad
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Dear Ms. Persad:

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission Inc. ("UCT")
Monthly Report
East-West Tie Project
Board File No. EB-2011-0140**

The Board has reviewed UCT's monthly report dated August 22, 2014 regarding the East-West Tie Project.

The Board notes that Milestone 24, Approval of Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (ToR) has a Board-approved date of for July 3, 2014 and continues to be uncompleted. In its July monthly report, UCT stated that it submitted its ToR on February 28, 2014 and as a result of comments received, submitted a follow-up amendment on May 22, 2014. UCT understands that the ToR is still under review pending a final decision from the Minister of Environment and that it does not know when a decision will be made. UCT further reports that if the approval is not received by early September, the overall project schedule may be negatively impacted.

If approval of the ToR is not received by early September, UCT is requested to provide the following information in its next monthly report:

- any update from the Ministry of the Environment regarding expected approval date for the ToR; and
- a description of the effect on the project timelines and costs of the failure to achieve Milestone 24 by the Board-approved date.

On a separate note, on October 25, 2014, the Board received a copy of a letter (copy attached) from the Municipality of Wawa to UCT (Nextbridge) expressing concerns about the level of consultation between UCT and the Municipality of Wawa. The letter recommends that a meeting be arranged between UCT, its various consultants and the Council and Staff of the Municipality of Wawa.

In your next monthly report, please also provide an update on the status of any follow-up by UCT regarding the Municipality of Wawa's letter of October 25, 2014.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c. Fred Cass, Aird & Berlis LLP



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Via email – info@nextbridge.ca

Attention: Mr. Michael Power, P. Eng, Project Director

August 25, 2014

Dear Mr. Power:

Re: East-West Tie Line

I am sure that you know that the Municipality of Wawa has been aware of the above noted project even prior to the hearings held by the Ontario Energy Board in Thunder Bay in May 2013.

We have experienced and continue to experience a level of frustration with respect to this project, sometimes communicated and sometimes not. To that end, the purpose of our letter is to garner a better understanding of the project and to put in place a process for ongoing consultation.

In particular, it may be useful for us to describe some of our general frustrations in an attempt to set the stage for discussions moving forward:

1. A scan of various newspaper ads and correspondence shows several contacts for your project. A review of our files does not show any one letter than might correctly identify contacts for various types of information.
2. We note arrangements were made to meet with the Economic Development Corporation of Wawa on May 6, 2014. A search of our files shows no similar request to meet with the Municipality of Wawa, its Council and affected staff. We do note that two members of Council did attend the meeting with the Economic Development Corporation but as members of that Board.
3. Open houses were advertised and held the week of August 18, 2014 with an open house held in Wawa on Saturday, August 23, 2014.



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Unfortunately, these dates coincided with the the Annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference held this year in London, Ontario. The Open House held in Wawa was sparsely attended perhaps because it may have not be convenient to have an open house on a Saturday as many residents could be involved in summer activities due to the short summer season.

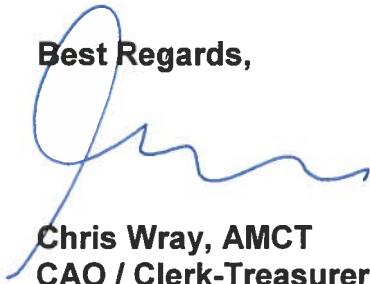
4. In May 2013, the Municipality of Wawa speaking on behalf of the Algoma Coalition made a lengthy presentation in Thunder Bay in front of the Ontario Energy Board. The presentation laid out concerns with respect to the short and long term socio-economic benefits of the project, environmental considerations and the fact that the project had not properly taken into consideration the principles of the legislated Grow North Plan for Northern Ontario.

Mayor Linda Nowicki did have an opportunity to attend a portion of the Wawa Open House and asked about your plans to meet with the Council and staff of the Municipality of Wawa. The response from your representative was that this had already been accomplished through a meeting last year with the Northeastern Superior Mayor's Group where all communities attended. You should be aware that the Northeastern Superior Mayors Group is a collection of Mayors and does not officially represent the member communities. In any event, one-on-one meetings with individual Municipal Councils would be more appropriate due to the varying issues that may arise.

It is our opinion that perhaps the best way to move this forward is to arrange for a meeting between Nextbridge Infrastructure, its various consultants and the Council and Staff of the Municipality of Wawa. We would be prepared to make space available at either our location at 40 Broadway (Municipal Offices) or our technology centre at 3 Maple Street, both in Wawa.

If you have any further questions please call, otherwise we look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,



**Chris Wray, AMCT
CAO / Clerk-Treasurer**

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