

GOVERNMENT OF BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION OF OJIBWAYS RANKIN RESERVE 15 D

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Via Facsimile: 416-440-7656

Ms. Mary Anne Aldred General Counsel & Vice President, Legal Services and Strategic Policy Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4P 1E4

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Ms. Lynne Anderson Vice-President, Applications Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4P 1E4

Subject: EB-2016-0050

Dear Ms. Aldred and Ms. Anderson:

Further to your continued processing of this application, Batchewana First Nation wishes to inform the Ontario Energy Board that Great Lake Power Transmission does not have a valid Section 28(2) permit for a purported two hundred foot (200') easement over our First Nation affecting their former North Transmission A and Transmission B corridors that run west to east and were located on Rankin Reserve 15D south of Old Garden River Road.

Permits that were issued by the predecessors to the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") expired on December 31 2008 and they have not been renewed. We can indicate to both of you that there is no immediate expectation that Batchewana First Nation

will concur with a renewal of these permits without additional discussions between our First Nation, INAC and both proponents. Batchewana First Nation is of the opinion that GLPT has been trespassing on Rankin Reserve 15D since the expiry of the Section 28(2) permits on December 31 2008.

Batchewana First Nation has specific concerns with the South Transmission easement, consisting of sixty-six feet also running west to east, and we will continue to investigate whether or not this easement remains in effect and we will advise you of our findings once our investigation has been completed.

We will provide notice to both of the proponents in due course through direct correspondence with both of them that will be issued shortly.

In the meantime, we would request a meeting with the Ontario Energy Board at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter and we would strongly advise that you not proceed with any approval of this application until such time as all matters with Batchewana First Nation have been resolved to our satisfaction.

To establish a meeting date and time please feel free to contact me at (705) 759-0914 x 202 or alternatively at (705) 257-1696.

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Chief Dean Sayers

cc: Batchewana First Nation Council Kim Lambert, Chief Executive Officer William B. Henderson, Legal Counsel

Wayne Greer, President, Aboriginal Business Network