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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Request by Upper Canada Transmission Inc. for Approval of a Mechanism to Record Costs related to the East-West Tie Transmission Line subsequent to a Leave to Construct Application <u>Invitation to Comment, Board File No. EB-2017-0013</u>

The Ontario Energy Board ("Board" or "OEB") has invited the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") to comment on the January 19, 2017 filing (the "filing") made by Upper Canada Transmission ("UCT"). The IESO appreciates this opportunity and provides its comments below.

The UCT filing was made in order to seek OEB approval of a mechanism to record costs relating to the East-West Tie line from and after the date of filing a Leave to Construct ("LTC") application. UTC is asking the OEB to either permit them to continue recording costs in the established deferral account until the OEB's determination of the LTC application or that the OEB establish a new deferral account to record costs from and after the date that a LTC application is filed.

The IESO has no concerns with UTC's application to continue to record costs from and after the LTC application is filed with the OEB.

Yours truly,

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cc: Ms. Krista L. Hughes, Managing Legal Counsel, Enbridge (email)