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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Dorion Township Application to OEB Requesting an Oral Hearing and Intervenor Status

EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194

Dorion Township is a small community of 338 residents in Northwestern Ontario. The Township is located about 80 kilometers east of Thunder Bay on Trans Canada Highway 11/17. It occupies about 212 square kilometres and has 154 households.

Presently, there are two (2) railways, one (1) natural gas pipeline, and four (4) high voltage electricity transmission lines traversing the Township. The proposed East-West Tie Line Project would add a 5th major electricity transmission line through the Township.

The proposed route is through private property and is expected to involve lease agreements between the proponent, Upper Canada Transmission Inc, and the affected landowners. The proposed development has involved substantial consultation with our residents, landowners, community representatives and Nextbridge Infrastructure Inc, the predecessor to UCTI.

The railways, CNR and CPR, make annual payments in lieu of taxes to Dorion Township based upon their occupation of lands in the Township.

The Natural Gas Pipeline pays taxes to the Township for the lands occupied by their pipeline. There is no payment from the Ontario or Canadian Governments for lands occupied by the TC Highway.

There are no payments from the owners of the electricity transmission lines and tower infrastructures occupying lands within the Township.

Dorion Township landowners who have lease agreements with the previous owners (Ontario Hydro) of the four (4) current electricity transmission lines and towers received nominal one-time payments from Ontario Hydro.

Ontario Hydro and its successor Hydro One Networks Inc have not made any payment for construction, occupation and ongoing operation of existing electricity transmission lines and tower infrastructures.

The East-West Tie Line Project proponent – Upper Canada Transmission Inc – is a private sector business corporation which proposes to plan, construct and operate the EWTL as a business venture for the profit of its' shareholders.

Dorion Township expects to receive annual payments commensurate with the value of the capital cost infrastructure to be constructed and operated within Township boundaries comparable to the railway lines located in the Township.

Presently, there is no planned provision by UCTI to provide any payments to Dorion Township.

Dorion Township hereby petitions the OEB to require UCTI to plan for and provide annual financial payment for the location, construction, and operation of their business infrastructure to be located in Dorion Township.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Chambers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Ed Chambers, Reeve
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c.c. Hon. Glenn Thibeault, Ontario Minister of Energy