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**Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (on behalf of
NextBridge Infrastructure) and Hydro One Networks Inc.
Application for leave to construct an electricity
transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario
- and -**

**Application to upgrade existing transmission station facilities in the Districts of
Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5

June 26, 2018

Upper Canada Transmission Inc. (NextBridge) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 31, 2017 under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B.

NextBridge's application¹ seeks an order granting leave to construct a new electricity transmission line in northwest Ontario (the Project). Hydro One's related application² seeks an order granting leave to construct the facilities necessary to upgrade existing transmission stations associated with the Project.

This Procedural Order addresses two issues (i) a late intervention request from the Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA) and (ii) scheduling an oral hearing for certain parts of the NextBridge application.

Late Intervention Request

On May 9, 2018, BZA filed a late intervention and cost eligibility request for participation in this combined proceeding. BZA filed its request on the grounds that the Project may have a significant impact on the rights, interests, lands, claims and practices of BZA

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throughout its traditional territory. BZA further stated that it must be an intervenor to address specific concerns that it raised about the draft Environmental Assessment Report should those concerns be addressed as part of this proceeding. BZA indicated in its intervention request that it accepts the record to the date.

The OEB received no submissions opposing BZA's request.

The OEB grants intervenor status to BZA in this proceeding. BZA is required to accept the record of the proceeding as it stands. The OEB advises BZA that the scope of the proceeding is (i) the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service, (ii) the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, and (iii) the forms of agreement offered by the applicants to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line and station facilities. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is required to approve the Environmental Assessment filed by NextBridge with the MOECC. The OEB's review will only address the three issues outlined above and will not address other matters, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

The OEB has also determined that BZA is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of an OEB order, typically at the end of a proceeding.

The updated list of participants in this proceeding is attached in Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

Scheduling Review of NextBridge's Development Costs

The OEB has scheduled an oral hearing to review NextBridge's development costs related to its project. The scope of the hearing will be the prudence of NextBridge's development costs up to the date of filing its leave to construct application on July 31, 2017. A future procedural order will address the scheduling of other issues in this proceeding.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. BZA is granted intervenor status in the proceeding. The parties to the proceeding are listed in Schedule A.

2. An oral hearing to review NextBridge's development costs will begin on **July 5, 2018** at 9:30 am in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto. The oral hearing will continue on **July 6, 2018** if necessary.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers, EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194 and be made electronically in searchable / unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.oeb.ca/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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Schedule A

Procedural Order No. 5

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