

August 2, 2018

**VIA COURIER, RESS and EMAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”)  
Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or “Board”) File EB-2017-0364  
Lake Superior Link Project - Hearing of NextBridge Motion  
Comments on Cost Claims**

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For the above noted proceeding, NextBridge has reviewed the cost claims received from the following parties:

- Batchewana First Nation (BFN)
- Bamkushwada Limited Partnership (BLP)
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (BZA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

NextBridge makes the following observations following review of the cost claims submitted.

- BLP’s claim includes amounts for accommodations which are above the maximum daily rate of \$200 and for meals, each of which are no longer allowed as per the Board’s letter of August 25, 2017 which updated the Board’s Practice Direction on Cost Awards; and
- BFN’s claim includes amounts related to consultant travel time which is only allowed for recovery where work is performed during travel time. Insufficient information is available to confirm whether work was completed during the recorded travel time. The BFN claim also appears to seek hourly compensation for Chiefs Sayers’ time as a consultant as opposed to an honorarium claim for participation in the proceeding.



NextBridge has no further comments with respect to the claims and awaits the recommendations and or cost awards of the Board with respect to these cost claims, in consideration of NextBridge's comments.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

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