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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Young Street  
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Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: EB-2017-0182/0194/0364 Procedural Order No.1**

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We are counsel to Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, an intervenor in the above proceeding. We are writing to the Board in support of the request put to the Board by Mark Rubenstein in his letter of August 16, 2018.

We believe that allowing intervenors to post interrogatories to Nextbridge as well as Hydro-One concerning their respective Leave-to-Construct applications would be the most effective and efficient way for intervenors and the Board to have an up-to-date, side-by-side comparison of the two competing Applications.

Restricting interrogatories to only the Hydro One Application will require intervenors, and no doubt Board staff, to search through the extensive combined record to make comparisons to Nextbridge's application to prepare for the remainder of these proceedings. Further, reducing the time spent by cost-eligible intervenors in reviewing the extensive record in order to participate will reduce the Cost Claims paid by the proponents in the future.

Contemporaneous interrogatories would facilitate the simplest, most efficient and cost-effective means of adjudicating the combined proceedings and determining which proponent will be granted Leave to Construct the east-west tie line project. If the Board is prepared to permit the interrogatories of Nextbridge in addition to Hydro-One and the IESO, we would respectfully ask for a one-week extension of the deadline for the same to be submitted.

Yours very truly,

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Applicant and interested parties (by email)