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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: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (“NextBridge”) and  
Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HONI”)  
East-West Tie Line Project, Lake Superior Link Project, and Wawa TS  
Upgrade Project Combined Hearing  
EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364

In HONI’s Reply filed November 9, 2018 in the above-noted proceedings, they express their wish, at paragraph 165, that Michipicoten First Nation’s Intervenor Argument “be dismissed in its entirety”.

Michipicoten First Nation does not believe that the Ontario Energy Board would ever do this. However, I would be remiss if I did not respond on the record and set out what is surely self-evident to all but HONI. The Ontario Energy Board must not give any credence to HONI’s wish to silence Michipicoten First Nation and deny the Chief, Council and Citizens their voice, their perspective, their participation and their standing. Michipicoten First Nation filed credible, compelling, legitimate, well-researched and well-substantiated submissions.

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A decision to dismiss them would be an error because:

- a) it would deny the participation of an Indigenous Intervenor;
- b) P.O. No. 5 on the Combined Hearing, issued September 19, 2018, informed that “as a late intervenor, MFN must take the record and existing hearing schedule as it stands”; and
- c) such a decision would be vulnerable to judicial review.

Like most of HONI’s Reply, the contents of paragraph 165 are no more than unsubstantiated conclusory statements and should be regarded, and treated, as such.

Regards,



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