

March 18, 2019

## **VIA COURIER, RESS and EMAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: NextBridge EWT/Hydro One LSL Combined Hearing
Ontario Energy Board ("Board") File EB-2017-0182/0194/0364
Comments on Cost Claims

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

- Anwaatin Inc.
- Bamkushwada Limited Partnership
- Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Michipicoten First Nation
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

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

- The cost claim submitted by the Michipicoten First Nation does not include itemized receipts
  or invoices substantiating the claimed disbursements (or a written explanation for why
  receipts are unavailable) pursuant to section 7.03 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost
  Awards.
- The claim of Long Lake #58 First Nation 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.



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

Yours truly,

(Original Signed)

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