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BY EMAIL

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Chief Peter Collins
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Dear Chief Collins:

**Re: Application by Upper Canada Transmission (operating as NextBridge Infrastructure) (NextBridge) to expropriate certain lands for the construction and operation of the East West Tie Project
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2019-0127**

On February 11, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its decision and order granting NextBridge approval to construct a new double circuit 230 kilovolt overhead electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa in northwestern Ontario (East-West Tie Project).

Fort William First Nation either participated in the OEB's hearing on NextBridge's application for approval to construct the East-West Tie Project or was identified by the former Ministry of Energy, as one of the First Nations and Métis communities to be consulted in relation to the East-West Tie Project.

Please be informed that NextBridge has now filed an application with the OEB to expropriate certain lands needed for the construction and operation of the East-West Tie Project. The OEB has assigned file no. EB-2019-0127 to this application and has

commenced a hearing on the matter. All documents in relation to this application are available on the OEB's website.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar
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