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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Decision and Order Granting Wataynikaneyap Power LP Leave to Construct (EB-2018-0190) – Minor Post-Approval Modifications

We are legal counsel to Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. and Wataynikaneyap Power LP (together, “WPLP”). This letter is provided in response to a request from Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff and further to WPLP’s letter dated July 22, 2019, in which WPLP advised the OEB of a minor change in the location of one substation, along with resulting minor changes to the planned transmission line and access road routing as approved in the above-referenced leave to construct proceeding.

As indicated in WPLP’s letter, the modifications are not material in nature. The modifications are described in the letter as follows:

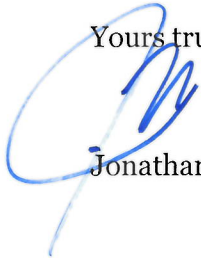
In consideration of constructability, soil conditions and site access in particular, WPLP has decided to shift the location of the Wataynikaneyap Switching Station (including Dinorwic Junction) approximately 620 meters to the northwest. Corresponding to this shift, the transmission line, at the southernmost point of the Line to Pickle Lake, will be extended by the same distance of approximately 620 meters. This additional segment will run parallel to HONI’s Line D26A. Related changes are also being made to the planned locations for access roads and the temporary construction laydown area.

To assist the Board in confirming that the modifications are not material, WPLP advises that these changes will have a negligible impact on the construction schedule for the 230 kV line portion of the Line to Pickle Lake due to the need for approximately 620 additional meters on an approximately 303 km line, and a positive impact on the construction schedule for the Wataynikaneyap Switching Station portion of the Line to Pickle Lake due to enhanced constructability, particularly the avoidance of grading issues and the presence of wetlands. Given the overall scale of the project and duration of the overall construction schedule, these modifications will not have a material impact on the overall construction schedule for the project.

With respect to the cost impacts of the modifications, WPLP estimates that the cost of the additional transmission line length is approximately \$0.5M. WPLP also estimates that by changing the station location it will be able to reduce its construction costs by approximately \$0.5M to \$0.75M due to the avoidance of extensive site grading and aggregate. In addition, there are expected to be minor savings in the cost of access road construction as a result of the changes. As such, on an overall basis, the modifications are expected to have a small cost savings for project construction. On an approximately \$1.65B project, these changes are clearly not material.

Please let me know if you require any further information. Otherwise, we look forward to your confirmation that no further involvement of the Board is required to implement these changes.

Yours truly,



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Enclosure

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