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Ms. Jennifer Tidmarsh
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Dear Ms. Tidmarsh:

**Re: NextBridge Infrastructure, LP
Quarterly Report on the East-West Tie Project
Board File No.: EB-2017-0182**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of the quarterly report on the progress of the East-West Tie Project filed by Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (NextBridge), on April 22, 2020 (April Progress Report). In the April Progress Report, NextBridge advised that it made the decision to suspend all construction activities for the East-West Tie Project on April 3, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OEB staff anticipates that any cost increases and/or schedule delays associated with NextBridge's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be explored in a rate hearing when NextBridge applies for rate recovery in respect of the cost of the East-West Tie Project. To that end, OEB staff expects that NextBridge will be in a position to provide sufficiently detailed records to both explain the actions it has taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to enable any associated cost increases and/or schedule delays to be clearly distinguished from those arising from other causes.

OEB staff is aware of NextBridge's April 22, 2020 letter asking the OEB to establish two sub-accounts related to COVID-19. As you know, there is a consultation on the generic COVID-19 deferral accounts that have been created by the OEB for all rate-regulated

utilities in the electricity and natural gas sectors. OEB staff understands that NextBridge intends to participate in that consultation.

NextBridge is reminded that it is required to file its quarterly reports by the 15th business day of the month following each quarter through the OEB's web portal at <http://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/services/> quoting file number **EB-2017-0182**. A copy of the filed report should also be sent to the individuals copied on this letter below. All quarterly reports, and any correspondence related to them, are posted on the OEB's website under the EB-2017-0182 file number.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to David Martinello at David.Martinello@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8142. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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