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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) acknowledges receipt of the letter from Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (NextBridge), dated September 3, 2020 (September Letter), regarding the change to the in-service date for the East-West Tie Project to March 31, 2022.

On July 22, 2020, NextBridge copied the OEB on a letter it sent to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) asking the IESO to confirm that there is no unacceptable risk to reliability if the East-West Tie Project were to come into service on March 31, 2022 – a five month delay from the planned in-service date. The September Letter noted the IESO's confirmation¹, among other things, that a March 31, 2022 in-service date for the East-West Tie Project does not present an unacceptable risk to reliability.

In the September Letter, NextBridge also stated that it is coordinating with Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) to align the schedules of the East-West Tie Project and Hydro One Station Upgrades Project for the in-service date of March 31, 2022. Through coordinating efforts and aligning construction schedules, the OEB expects NextBridge

¹ The IESO's response, dated August 28, 2020, to NextBridge's question was included as an attachment to the September Letter.

and Hydro One to work towards ensuring the timely connection of stations and lines. The OEB also expects NextBridge will advise the OEB when the project schedules have been aligned and will include the necessary supporting details.

As per previous correspondence, the OEB expects NextBridge to provide detailed information on its budget and schedule changes resulting from delays in obtaining permit approvals, the COVID-19 pandemic, and any other factors. The OEB asks that an up-to-date cost estimate and detailed schedule be provided in NextBridge's next quarterly report to be filed in October 2020.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to David Martinello at David.Martinello@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8142.

Regards,

Original Signed By

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cc: Devon Huber, IESO, Sr. Manager, Regulatory Affairs
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