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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0284: Bruce Power L.P. (Bruce Power) Application for Section 95 Exemption from Leave to Construct (LTC) a Proposed Pipeline.**

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We write further to our letter dated November 25, 2020 with which we filed an application on behalf of Bruce Power. That application is for an exemption under section 95 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* from the requirement to obtain leave to construct a proposed gas delivery pipeline at the Bruce Nuclear Power Development (BNPD) near Kincardine, Ontario.

In our November 25<sup>th</sup> letter we requested on behalf of Bruce Power that the Board expedite its consideration of the application so that construction of the proposed pipeline, subject to the outcome of the application, could proceed over the winter and while EPCOR Commercial Services (EPCOR CS) – Bruce Power's project contractor - and EPCOR Natural Gas L.P. (ENGLP) were mobilized in the BNPD area for work on ENGLP's new South Bruce natural gas distribution system. As at the time of our previous filing construction of Bruce Power's proposed pipeline had been tentatively scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board issued an acknowledgement letter in this matter on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and a letter acknowledging completion of its preliminary review of the application on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and we understand, and appreciate, that the Board has been attempting to expedite its review of this matter as Bruce Power had requested.

Over the last week it has become apparent that the previously anticipated December 20<sup>th</sup> construction start date is no longer feasible or cost effective. EPCOR CS and ENGLP have already demobilized in the immediate area of the BNPD, and there are construction and costing details for the project not yet resolved for a revised (spring) construction program. Accordingly, Bruce Power has determined that it will delay the start of pipeline construction to the spring of 2021, and is now working with EPCOR CS and ENGLP to finalize a new construction schedule and associated updated projected cost for the pipeline. Bruce Power appreciates the Board's prompt attention to this matter to date, and felt it important to formally advise the Board of this delay in planned construction of the proposed pipeline.

Bruce Power also appreciates that the Board will wish to have and consider any materially changed projected cost for the proposed pipeline before completing its review of Bruce Power's application.

Unfortunately that updated projected cost information is not yet available as discussions with EPCOR CS continue. We can advise that Bruce Power expects that the projected cost for the proposed pipeline will remain above the \$2 million leave to construct threshold. As soon as updated projected cost information is available and Bruce Power confirms a new proposed construction start date we will file further information with the Board.

We hope that this interim advice is of some assistance to the Board in managing its review process, and we will provide a further update as soon as that is available.

Yours truly,



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