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Dear Mr. Engelberg and Mr. Vegh:

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP)  
Application for approval of electricity transmission revenue requirements  
for the period from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2031**

**Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0150**

This letter responds to a dispute concerning the participation of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) in the settlement conference for the above noted matter, scheduled to begin on February 16, 2020. On February 9, 2021, Hydro One wrote to the Hearings Advisor of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) indicating that it wished to participate in the settlement conference and provided the names of its representatives to attend. On February 12, 2020, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (NextBridge) filed a letter objecting to Hydro One's participation in the settlement conference arguing that such participation is not provided for by the *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences* (Practice Direction). Hydro One filed a response to NextBridge's objection on February 12, 2020. NextBridge filed a further letter replying to Hydro One's letter on February 12, 2020.

Having considered NextBridge's objection, the OEB is of the view that Hydro One should be permitted to participate in the settlement conference with no restriction. Hydro

One is a party to the proceeding and, in the OEB's view, there is sufficient interface between Hydro One and NextBridge that Hydro One's participation in the settlement conference would be beneficial. As noted in Hydro One's letter requesting intervenor status, the East-West Tie line will connect to transmission assets and facilities owned and operated by Hydro One. Moreover, Hydro One is also expected to provide services to NextBridge in relation to the East-West Tie line.

In its letter, NextBridge raised concerns about confidentiality. In response, the OEB notes that the Practice Direction requires that settlement information be kept confidential (subject to certain exceptions set out in the Practice Direction).

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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Registrar

c: All parties in EB-2020-0150