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BY EMAIL AND RESS

Ms. Christine E. Long
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc.'s ("NextBridge"), EB-2020-0150, Status of Settlement Discussions

Dear Ms. Long:

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 2 dated December February 5, 2021, NextBridge is advising the OEB that the parties and OEB staff conducted settlement conferences, but, in the end, both NextBridge and the parties declared they were at an impasse. Therefore, although NextBridge appreciates the time and effort the parties dedicated to settlement discussions, at this time, NextBridge proposes that this application proceed to a written hearing.

Further, NextBridge respectfully submits that the evidence and the interrogatory responses filed in this proceeding provide a sufficient record for this proceeding to be conduct through a written hearing process. Therefore, NextBridge requests that the OEB issue Procedural Order No. 3 establishing a written process for the review of the NextBridge's Application that provides for NextBridge to file its argument-in-chief, followed by the written submissions by OEB staff and the approved intervenors, and lastly a written reply argument by NextBridge.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tidmarsh
Project Director



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