



BY E-MAIL

March 26, 2021

To: All parties in EB-2020-0150

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as NextBridge Infrastructure)
2022-2031 Custom Incentive Rate-setting Application
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0150**

The OEB is in receipt of NextBridge's correspondence dated March 22, 2021 requesting that parties file their compendia for the oral hearing by March 25, 2021 or, in any event, March 26, 2021. The OEB is also in receipt of correspondence from the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) dated March 23, 2021 responding to NextBridge's request.

Compendia, typically consisting of excerpts from the existing evidentiary record and/or other publicly available documents, are often used by questioning parties at an oral hearing to streamline the examination of the witness panel. The OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* do not specifically speak to when compendia are to be filed. Often parties will file such compendia with the OEB the day before they ask questions at the oral hearing.

In its letter, NextBridge referenced a Virtual Hearings Guide that has been posted on the OEB's website. The OEB notes that the Virtual Hearings Guide states that it is a "general guide" and that "[f]or each virtual hearing, the OEB will issue a document that includes specific details pertaining to that hearing." For NextBridge's oral hearing, the OEB believes there should be no set deadline for filing compendia. However, parties should file with the OEB, and provide parties with, electronic copies of their compendia in advance of their questioning so that there is sufficient time to upload the compendia for the virtual hearing.

In this case, VECC is expected to be scheduled to ask its questions to NextBridge's witness panel on either Tuesday, March 30, 2021 or Wednesday March 31, 2021. As such, there should be no issue with VECC's proposal to provide its compendium at least a day before the hearing begins.

Yours truly,

Originally signed by

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Registrar