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Dear Mr. Myers:

**Re: Wataynikaneyap Power LP
Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project Semi-Annual Report on CWIP
Account and Backup Supply Arrangements
Board File No.: EB-2018-0190**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) acknowledges receipt of the semi-annual report on CWIP Account and Backup Supply Arrangements for the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project filed on April 15, 2021 by Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP). This reporting is required by the conditions of approval in the OEB's April 1, 2019 Decision and Order¹ granting WPLP leave to construct certain transmission lines and related facilities.

With respect to the condition of approval related to backup power supply arrangements, the Decision specifically requires that WPLP report on the progress of backup supply arrangements for each community to be connected and provide a sufficient basis for understanding whether the backup supply is likely to be available when it is required, where it is required and in the amount required.

As part of the April 15, 2021, semi-annual report, WPLP advised that the backup power plan has now been finalized, subject to additional processes required to approve the implementation details and secure the necessary funding for each community. The OEB requests that WPLP file a copy of the finalized backup power plan with the OEB. The OEB also requests that, consistent with the above noted condition of approval in the Decision, WPLP include an explanation as to why it is recommended that three

¹ EB-2018-0190

communities have coverage for only Indigenous Services Canada-funded critical assets, whereas 13 communities will have broader coverage. The OEB also requests that WPLP seek opinions from the IESO and Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. on whether the backup power plan is sufficient from a reliability perspective in their view. Finally, the OEB requests that WPLP provide further detail as to how the long-term costs associated with the supply of back up power to the connecting communities will be funded. The OEB requests that this information be provided by July 15, 2021. If WPLP is unable to provide any of the information by this time, please advise as to when it will be submitted.

WPLP's first transmission rate application² was filed with the OEB on April 28, 2021, and as such, WPLP will not be required to report on its CWIP account as part of its semi-annual reports while its rate application is before the OEB. This is consistent with the OEB's letter issued on November 3, 2020. WPLP is, however, reminded that it should continue to keep the OEB apprised of the progress on back-up supply arrangements as part of its semi-annual reports, throughout the duration of the hearing on WPLP's rate application.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Michael Price, Project Advisor, at Michael.Price@oeb.ca.

Regards,

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² EB-2021-0134