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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 letter from Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) on July 15, 2021. In response to the OEB's request dated May 17, 2021, WPLP's letter includes a copy of the finalized backup power plan. WPLP also provided, in response to our request, opinions on the sufficiency of the backup power plan from Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). WPLP's letter also explains why three communities will have coverage for only critical assets, while 13 communities will have broader coverage, and explains the plans for funding the long-term back-up power costs.

The OEB requires confirmation that the backup power plan, including planned fuel reserves, results in a level of reliability that is similar to or better than when the connecting communities were supplied by diesel, taking into consideration the revised transmission outage durations in the BBA Backup Power Report and other factors, as appropriate. The OEB also requires confirmation that backup supply will be available to the critical loads identified in each community's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

WPLP stated in its letter that it is not in a position to provide the confirmations, but that WPLP could facilitate a request to the Backup Power Working Group (BPWG) for those confirmations.

The OEB appreciates WPLP's offer and requests that WPLP facilitate a request to the BPWG to address the confirmations above.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Michael Price, Project Advisor, at [Michael.Price@oeb.ca](mailto:Michael.Price@oeb.ca) .

Regards,

*Original signed by*

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