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Ms. Jennifer Tidmarsh
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Dear Ms. Tidmarsh:

**Re: NextBridge Infrastructure LP
Quarterly Report on the East-West Tie Project
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No.: EB-2017-0182**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) acknowledges receipt of the quarterly report and letter (July Letter), dated July 22, 2021 and July 23, 2021, respectively, from Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (NextBridge). The quarterly report provides details on the progress of the East-West Tie Project for the period from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 while the July Letter provides notice of suspension of construction activities in East-West Tie Project work fronts.

In the July Letter, NextBridge advises that it has temporarily suspended construction activities in Work Fronts 1-7 to comply with an order of the provincial government to cease various construction activities because of ongoing forest fires in Northwest Ontario. NextBridge further states that the provincial government has indicated that the order will be lifted when the fires are under control, the timing of which is uncertain. As a result, NextBridge advises that the impact of the suspension of construction activities on the East-West Tie Project's cost and schedule are not known. NextBridge committed to providing an update to the OEB and the Independent Electricity System Operator when construction activities resume.

The OEB appreciates the timely update from NextBridge. NextBridge should advise the OEB as soon as the order is lifted, along with the timeline for the resumption of construction activities. Moreover, the OEB requests that NextBridge provide detailed

information on any cost and schedule impacts resulting from this suspension of construction as soon as the information is available and, in any event, no later than its next quarterly report.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to David Martinello at David.Martinello@oeb.ca.

Regards,

Original Signed By

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