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August 19, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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**Re: UPDATE: Notice of Suspension of Construction Activities – East-West Tie  
Transmission Project**

Dear Ms. Long:

This letter serves as an update to the letter filed on August 12, 2021 regarding the suspension of construction on the East West Tie Transmission Project (“Project”) resulting from wildfires in northwestern Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (“MNR”) has lifted the Implementation Orders that restricted certain activities associated with construction effective 12:01am on August 18, 2021. However, the MNR will be continuing to monitor fire activity, weather conditions and patterns and resourcing on a daily basis and may be required to re-introduce restrictions if warranted. This will allow NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (“NextBridge”) to resume work on the Project. NextBridge will, therefore, be able to construct in all Workfronts.

NextBridge has begun to remobilize crews back to the previously affected areas with a target to resume full productivity as soon as possible. As requested in OEB’s letter to NextBridge on August 4, 2021, NextBridge will provide an update to the OEB on any cost and schedule impacts resulting from this suspension of construction in its next quarterly report.

Sincerely,



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