

Elexicon Energy Inc.

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Interrogatories

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MSIFN-1

Ref: Appendix B, Incremental Capital Module “ICM”

The Seaton Transformer Station (“Seaton 23 TS”) and the Bus Rapid Transit Highway 2 (“BRT”) projects are subject to Ontario’s *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please provide:

- a) Written direction from Ontario for Seaton 23 TS and BRT with respect to the delegation of the duty to consult to the proponents for each project
- b) Summaries of how consultation with Indigenous groups directly impacted proponent decisions for each project, including decisions on alternative sites and alternative methods
- c) Environmental assessment guidance referenced for the assessment of cumulative effects for each project
- d) Environmental assessment sections, chapters or available drafts detailing cumulative effects assessment methodologies and results for each project
- e) Environmental assessment and/or Provincial Policy Statement guidance referenced for the assessment of cultural heritage landscapes for each project
- f) Environmental Assessment sections, chapters or available drafts detailing cultural heritage landscape assessment methodologies and results for each project
- g) Costs incurred to-date for consultation with Indigenous groups for Seaton 23 TS
- h) Costs incurred to-date for consultation with Indigenous groups for BRT
- i) Costs incurred to-date for archaeological and cultural heritage assessments for Seaton 23 TS
- j) Costs incurred to-date for archaeological and cultural heritage assessments for BRT

MSIFN-2**Ref: 1. Introduction, page 4**

Please provide Indigenous relations policies, including any procurement policies referencing Indigenous-owned vendors, for:

- a) Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation
- b) Veridian Connections Inc., and
- c) Elexicon Energy Inc.

MSIFN-3**Ref: Appendix B-2, page 15**

Elexicon describes using competitive procurement process for all major purchases on the Seaton 23 TS project.

- a) Please provide further details any procurement considerations with respect to procurement from Indigenous-owned contractors/suppliers, and how quotes/bids were assessed with respect to Indigenous contractor/supplier content.
- b) Please provide the Indigenous relations policies, including any procurement policies, for primary contractors for the Seaton TS project.

MSIFN-4**Ref: DSP, Appendix S-1, page 6, 27**

Seaton 23 TS will be owned and operated by Elexicon. Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) regularly considers options for joint project ownership with First Nations with respect to new projects.

- a) Was the option of joint project ownership with First Nations considered for the Seaton 23 TS project? Why or why not?

MSIFN-5**Ref: N/A**

Ontario Power Generation (OPG), a major OEB regulated energy supplier in Durham Region, recently released its Reconciliation Action Plan, described as a “road map for how we intend to work in partnership with Indigenous communities, businesses and organizations to advance reconciliation. It’s also about how we intend to grow and continue learning as an organization”. OPG’s Reconciliation Action Plan references

OPG's Indigenous Relations Policy first developed in 2007 which sets out OPG's objectives for respecting Indigenous rights and interests, rules for developing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with Indigenous communities, policies that require engaging in community relations and outreach, and paths to providing capacity building support, including employment and business contracting opportunities (see: <https://www.opg.com/building-strong-and-safe-communities/indigenous-relations/>)

- a) Assuming that Seaton 23 TS and BRT receive 'leave to construct', please provide Elexicon's perspective on how it is considering reconciliation action and Indigenous relations policies to inform construction, and inform construction procurement.