

**BY E-MAIL** 

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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 18, 2022 by Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP). This reporting is required by the conditions of approval in the OEB's April 1, 2019 Decision and Order<sup>1</sup> granting WPLP leave to construct certain transmission lines and related facilities. This report also includes, for the first time, the additional information that WPLP agreed to provide pursuant to the OEB-approved Settlement Agreement in its 2022 Electricity Transmission Rates Application.<sup>2</sup> OEB staff has reviewed the report and has no questions at this time about the information WPLP has provided.

OEB staff acknowledges and appreciates the helpful information that WPLP has provided in response to the request in our previous letter of July 23, 2021 for confirmations in respect of certain aspects of the backup power plan which relate to reliability levels and the ability to supply load identified in each community's Emergency Response Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0190

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EB-2021-0134

WPLP's second transmission rate application<sup>3</sup> was filed with the OEB on April 28, 2022, 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 <u>Michael.Price@oeb.ca</u>.

Regards,

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

cc: Margaret Kenequanash, Watay Power