

**BY EMAIL** 

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Ms. Jennifer Tidmarsh Project Director NextBridge Infrastructure, LP 290 Bay Street, Suite 1720 Toronto ON M5H 2Y2 Jennifer.Tidmarsh@nexteraenergy.com

Dear Ms. Tidmarsh:

## Re: Reporting Requirements for the East-West Tie Project Ontario Energy Board No.: EB-2017-0182

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) acknowledges receipt of the quarterly report, dated April 21, 2022, from Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure, LP (NextBridge). In that report, NextBridge confirmed that the East-West Tie Project was placed in-service on March 31, 2022, and that it would continue to file quarterly reports until land restoration activities arising from construction were complete. NextBridge noted that it anticipates land restoration activities to be complete in October 2022.

As acknowledged in its report, NextBridge will continue to file quarterly reports, in accordance with the requirements previously established by the OEB until all land restoration activities are complete. In addition, as part of its final quarterly report to be filed after the completion of restoration activities, NextBridge should include a table, using the same cost categories as all other quarterly reports, that sets out the final construction costs of the East-West Tie Project.

NextBridge should also provide detailed descriptions for any variances from the budget filed in the leave to construct application to actual costs incurred, including any additional costs due to the: (i) COVID-19 pandemic; (ii) 2021 summer wildfire / Implementation Order restrictions; (iii) aerial construction of towers in the Kama Cliffs

Conservation Reserve; and (iv) additional consultation with the Pic Mobert First Nation / re-routing in the White Lake Narrows.

In the unlikely event that NextBridge is unable to quantify certain costs at that time, NextBridge should provide: (i) its best estimate of those costs along with, a detailed explanation of how that estimate was calculated; and (ii) the date when NextBridge expects the final cost will be available.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to David Martinello at <u>David.Martinello@oeb.ca</u> or at 416-440-8142. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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