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Ontario Energy Board  
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Attention: Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0041 – Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. 2023 Cost of Service Application – Intervenor Status Request**

We are legal counsel to Wataynikaneyap Power LP, a licensed Ontario electricity transmitter. In response to the Ontario Energy Board's above-named Notice of Application, Wataynikaneyap Power LP, by its general partner Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. (together, "WPLP") is requesting intervenor status in this application.

WPLP was established for the purposes of developing, constructing, owning and operating a new electricity transmission system, approximately 1744 km in total length, in northwestern Ontario (the "Transmission System"). On completion, the Transmission System will reinforce supply to Pickle Lake through a portion of the system referred to as the "Line to Pickle Lake", and enable connection to the provincial electricity grid for 16 remote First Nation communities through portions of the system referred to as the "Remote Connection Lines" north of Pickle Lake and north of Red Lake.<sup>1</sup>

The Transmission System is currently under construction and is being brought into service in stages over the 2022 to 2024 period. When completed in 2024, the Remote Connection Lines will supply service to 25 kV distribution systems that are or will be owned and operated by Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("HORCI") in each of the connecting First Nation communities. Currently, 10 of the First Nation communities are served by HORCI and 6 of the First Nation Communities are expected to be served by HORCI once connected to the provincial grid through the Transmission System.

As part of its application, HORCI is seeking approval for certain capital and operating costs arising from its integration with the Transmission System.

WPLP has an interest in HORCI's application given the integration of HORCI's distribution

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<sup>1</sup> The Transmission Project is designed to permit the potential future connection of a 17<sup>th</sup> community, McDowell Lake First Nation.

system in the Transmission System. Moreover, in its application, HORCI is requesting that the Board approve certain capital and operating costs arising from such integration. Such requests, along with other impacts of its integration with the Transmission System on HORCI's revenue requirement, as put forward by HORCI, form a substantive part of HORCI's cost of service application. Finally, given the purpose of WPLP and the Transmission System, WPLP is interested in the impact of HORCI's requests to raise its electricity rates and recover the above-noted costs on the First Nation communities that will be served by HORCI once connected to the provincial grid through the Transmission System.

WPLP is not eligible for and does not intend to seek an award of costs as per the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

WPLP requests copies of the materials filed in this proceeding. WPLP requests that documents filed with the Board in this proceeding be served as follows:

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An electronic copy of this letter has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number shown above.

Yours truly,

  
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