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Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Wataynikaneyap Power LP - Electricity Distribution Licence Cancellation
(ED-2017-0236)**

We are legal counsel to Wataynikaneyap Power LP. Pursuant to section 77(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"), Wataynikaneyap Power LP, by its general partner Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. (together, "WPLP"), hereby requests that the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") cancel WPLP's Electricity Distribution Licence, ED-2017-0236 (the "Licence").

WPLP was established for the purposes of developing, constructing, owning and operating a new electricity transmission system, approximately 1,744 km in total length, in northwestern Ontario (the "Transmission System"). Upon completion, the Transmission System will operate as a single transmission system in northwestern Ontario, one part of which will reinforce transmission to Pickle Lake and the balance of which will connect to the provincial power system 16 remote First Nation communities north of Pickle Lake and north of Red Lake.¹ The project is a priority transmission project under section 96.1 of the Act.

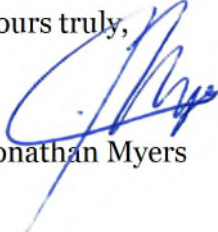
On June 15, 2017, in EB-2017-0236, WPLP applied to the OEB for an electricity distribution licence to support WPLP's plan to develop, construct, own and operate an approximately 117 km distribution line between Red Lake and the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve, which is one the 16 remote First Nation communities (the "Pikangikum Distribution Line"). WPLP indicated that, due to the urgent need for grid connection of the Pikangikum First Nation, it would be connected on an interim basis at a distribution voltage until such time as it can be served by the Transmission System. WPLP indicated its plan to construct the line largely using 115 kV conductors, but to connect it to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") distribution system in Red Lake and to operate at 44 kV, after which it would be connected to and form part of the Transmission System. On September 28, 2017, the OEB granted the Licence for a 5-year term, expiring on September 27, 2022. On September 22, 2022, in EB-2022-0244, the OEB extended the term of WPLP's

¹ The project is designed to permit the potential future connection of a 17th community, McDowell Lake First Nation.

electricity distribution licence until June 30, 2023.

WPLP connected the Pikangikum First Nation to the provincial power system by means of the Pikangikum Distribution Line on December 20, 2018 and, on May 12, 2023, the Pikangikum Distribution Line was converted from its interim 44 kV distribution supply to a 115 kV transmission supply. The relevant facilities now form part of WPLP's Transmission System, which is authorized by its transmission licence, ET-2015-0264. As such, WPLP no longer requires the Licence and is therefore requesting that it be cancelled.

Yours truly,



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