

July 21, 2023

**RESS & EMAIL**

Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2023-0168: Wataynikaneyap Power LP (“WPLP”) – Application for Approval of 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates (“Application”) – Affidavit of Service**

We are legal counsel to WPLP. On July 17, 2023, the OEB issued a Letter of Direction in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Service from Mr. Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. confirming that the requirements set out in the Letter of Direction have been satisfied.

Yours truly,



Brianne Paulin

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Margaret Kenequanash, WPLP  
Mr. Duane Fecteau, WPLP  
Mr. Charles Keizer, Torys LLP  
Mr. Jonathan Myers, Torys LLP

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) (the “Act”);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (“WPLP”) for an Order or Orders made pursuant to section 78 of the Act, approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the transmission of electricity.

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

I, Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr., of Slate River Valley, in the Township of Oliver Paipoonge, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am an employee of Wataynikaneyap Power PM Inc. (“WPPM”), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Fortis Inc. that performs project management services for WPLP. In my role as Director of Finance with WPPM, I have assisted in the development of WPLP’s application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) and in that capacity have been responsible for overseeing the service of the Notice of Hearing issued by the OEB on July 17, 2023 in proceeding EB-2023-0168 (the “Notice”) and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
2. Further to Section 1 of the OEB’s Letter of Direction dated July 17, 2023 (the “Letter”) (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**), I arranged for and confirm that as of July 19, 2023, WPLP has posted copies of the English and French versions of the Notice (copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**), as well as the application and the evidence, on WPLP’s website at [www.wataypower.ca](http://www.wataypower.ca).
3. Further to Section 2 of the Letter, I confirm that, on July 19, 2023, I served copies of the English and French versions of the Notice, along with a direct link to the application and the evidence on the OEB’s website, by electronic mail to each of the recipients using the email addresses listed in **Exhibit “C”**.

Affirmed remotely by Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. stated as being located in the Township of Oliver Paipoonge, Ontario, before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



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 Brianne Paulin (LSO # 75204W)  
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 Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr.

**Exhibit "A"**

***Letter of Direction***

This Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. affirmed remotely before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



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**BY E-MAIL**

July 17, 2023

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**LETTER OF DIRECTION**

Dear Ms. Kenequanash:

**Re: Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP)  
Application for 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates  
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2023-0168**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for WPLP's application for 2024 Electricity Transmission Rates (Notice). The English and French versions of the Notice will be published by the OEB, in accordance with directions to the OEB's agent which were copied to you. Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 and 2 below **prior to July 22, 2023**, which is the publication date of the newspaper in which the Notice will appear last. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca).

You are directed:

1. To post a copy of the English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence on WPLP's website.
2. To arrange for the service of the enclosed English and French versions of the Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on:
  - a) All intervenors of record in WPLP's leave to construct application, EB-2018-0190 and the previous rate application, EB-2022-0149
  - b) All licensed electricity transmitters in Ontario
  - c) Independent Electricity System Operator
3. To file with the OEB an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 and 2 above immediately thereafter.
4. To provide a copy of the Notice, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notice other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

Encl.

cc: Duane Fecteau, Wataynikaneyap Power PM Inc.  
Charles Keizer, Torys LLP  
Jonathan Myers, Torys LLP

**Exhibit “B”**

***Notice of Application***

This Exhibit “B” referred to in the Affidavit of Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. affirmed remotely before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



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# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO ALL ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS

## Wataynikaneyap Power LP has applied for approval of its 2024 Transmission rates and other charges.

### Learn more. Have your say.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP owns and operates a new electricity transmission system that is being constructed in northwestern Ontario to reinforce the transmission system to Pickle Lake and to connect certain remote First Nation communities to the provincial electricity transmission system.

Segments of the new transmission system came into service in phases during 2022 and 2023. The transmission line to Pickle Lake went into service in 2022 while the remote connection lines are partially in service. The transmission system is expected to be fully completed and come into service in 2024.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to change its electricity transmission rates and its fixed charge to Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. effective January 1, 2024. If the application is approved as filed, the monthly bill of a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer would increase by the following amounts:

Residential 750 kWh	\$0.54 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$1.45 per month

Any change to the provincial transmission rate will be reflected on the delivery line of the electricity bill for all electricity customers in Ontario.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) has also applied for partial disposition of certain deferral and variance accounts and approval of two new accounts:

- A Federal Contribution In Aid of Construction (CIAC) Variance Account to record revenue requirement impacts of any difference between the forecasted date and the actual date the CIAC funds are distributed to WPLP.
- An Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) COVID-related cost deferral account to record costs related to EPC contractor and schedule impacts.

Please review the application for additional information on these accounts.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider WPLP's application. During this hearing, we will question WPLP on its case for a rate increase. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have

registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

#### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review WPLP's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about WPLP's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve WPLP's request. Apply by **July 31, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

#### LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to WPLP's electricity transmission services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0168**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2023-0168** from the list on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice). You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### FORM OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic and written. WPLP has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you have a preference with respect to the format of the hearing, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 31, 2023**.

#### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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# AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO À TOUS LES CONSOMMATEURS D'ÉLECTRICITÉ

## Wataynikaneyap Power LP a demandé l'approbation de ses tarifs de transport et autres frais pour 2024.

### Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP possède et exploite un nouveau réseau de transport d'électricité qui est en cours de construction dans le nord-ouest de l'Ontario afin de renforcer le réseau de transport jusqu'à Pickle Lake et de relier certaines communautés éloignées des Premières Nations au réseau provincial de transport d'électricité.

Des segments du nouveau réseau de transport ont été mis en service par phases en 2022 et 2023. La ligne de transport vers Pickle Lake a été mise en service en 2022, tandis que les lignes de raccordement à distance sont partiellement en service. Le système de transport devrait être entièrement achevé et mis en service en 2024.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP a demandé à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario l'autorisation de changer ses tarifs de transport d'électricité et les frais fixes facturés à Hydro One Remote Communities inc. à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2024. Si la demande est approuvée telle quelle, la facture mensuelle d'un client résidentiel type et d'un client utilisant les services généraux types augmenterait de la manière suivante :

Client résidentiel (750 kWh)	0,54 \$ par mois
Client de services généraux dont la demande est inférieure à 50 kW (2 000 kWh)	1,45 \$ par mois

Toute modification des tarifs applicable au transport dans la province sera répercutée au niveau de la portion des frais de livraison pour tous les consommateurs d'électricité de l'Ontario.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) a également demandé la liquidation partielle de certains comptes de report et d'écart et l'approbation de deux nouveaux comptes :

- Un compte d'écart de la contribution fédérale à l'aide à la construction (CIAC) pour enregistrer l'impact sur les recettes de toute différence entre la date prévue et la date réelle à laquelle les fonds CIAC sont distribués à WPLP.
- Un compte de report de coûts COVID lié à l'ingénierie, à l'approvisionnement et à la construction (IAC) pour enregistrer les coûts liés à l'entrepreneur IAC et à l'impact sur le calendrier.

Veillez consulter la demande pour obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires concernant ces comptes.

### LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) tiendra une audience publique afin d'étudier la demande de WPLP. Au cours de cette audience, des questions seront posées sur l'augmentation des tarifs à la WPLP. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des personnes qui se sont inscrites pour participer (appelées « intervenants ») à l'audience de la CEO. À l'issue de cette audience, la CEO décidera du bien-fondé d'une augmentation des tarifs et, le cas échéant, du montant du changement tarifaire à venir.

La CEO est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable, afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

### RENSEIGNEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- Vous pouvez examiner la requête de WPLP sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant.
- Vous pouvez déposer une lettre de commentaires qui sera prise en compte au cours de l'audience.
- Vous pouvez participer à titre d'intervenant. En tant qu'intervenant, vous pouvez poser des questions sur la demande de WPLP et présenter les raisons pour lesquelles la CEO devrait approuver la demande de WPLP. Inscrivez-vous au plus tard le **1 août 2023**, faute de quoi l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de ce dossier.
- Vous pourrez consulter la décision rendue par la CEO à l'issue de la procédure ainsi que les motifs de sa décision sur notre site Web.

### EN SAVOIR PLUS

Les tarifs proposés sont relatifs aux services de transport de l'électricité offerts par WPLP. Ils sont inscrits à la ligne « Livraison », l'un des éléments figurant sur votre facture d'électricité. Le numéro de référence pour ce dossier est **EB-2023-0168**. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur cette audience, sur les démarches à suivre pour déposer une lettre, participer en tant qu'intervenant ou pour consulter les documents relatifs à cette affaire, veuillez sélectionner le numéro de dossier **EB-2023-0168** dans la liste sur le site Web de la CEO : <https://www.oeb.ca/fr/participez/applications/requetes-tarifaires-en-cours>. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre d'information du public au 1 877 632-2727.

### FORMAT D'AUDIENCE

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales, les audiences écrites et les audiences électroniques. WPLP a demandé une audience écrite. La CEO examine actuellement cette demande. Si vous avez une préférence concernant le format de l'audience, vous pouvez faire part de vos arguments par écrit à la CEO au plus tard le **1 août 2023**.

### PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse de domicile et votre adresse électronique ne seront pas rendus publics. Si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les renseignements de l'entreprise demeureront accessibles au public. Si vous participez à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu de l'article 78 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L. O. 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).



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**Exhibit “C”**

***List of Recipients Served by Email***

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Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd.	<a href="mailto:regulatory@hydroone.com">regulatory@hydroone.com</a>
Hydro One Networks Inc.	<a href="mailto:regulatory@hydroone.com">regulatory@hydroone.com</a>
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