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Subject: Intervention Form: EB-2023-0198 - Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership
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Intervention Form

Case Number:

EB-2023-0198

Intervenor Name:

Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership

Mandate and Objectives:

Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP)'s main purpose is to facilitate engagement between its eight (8) First Nation partners with Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") as proponent of the Waasigan Project Transmission Line (the "Project") and jointly represent the First Nations in discussion with Hydro One. GLP's coordinated engagement and representation allows its First Nation to collectively engage with Hydro One on potential impacts to their rights and to develop solutions to mitigate and accommodate these impacts.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency

Represented:

GLP is a limited partnership, and its partners include the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, Eagle Lake First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Fort William First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, and the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen. Each First Nation is its own First Nation government, and together represent over 10,000 First Nation members.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

GLP facilitates engagement between Hydro One and GLP's First Nation partners. These activities include community engagement meetings, committee meetings, document review, technical analysis, and monitoring of work being carried out by Hydro One and its subcontractors. GLP has an option to become equity owner in the Waasigan Project transmission line assets after construction completion.

Governance Structure:

GLP is made up of eight (8) First Nations as Limited Partners (each a “Limited Partner” and together the “Limited Partners”), and one corporation that is the general partner (the “General Partner”). Each Limited Partner in GLP holds an equal number of units in the partnership. Each First Nation also appoints one director to the board of directors of the General Partner.

GLP carries out its functions through its board of directors, and contracted external advisors. It does not have any employees. Decisions in the ordinary course of business are undertaken by the board of directors. Meetings of the partnership include representatives from the Board and Limited Partner representatives appointed by the Chief and Council of each First Nation. Each First Nation receives reports from and provides instructions to its representatives through these meetings. The current chair and president of the Board is Thomas Johnson, a Councilor for the Seine River First Nation.

Representatives:

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Frequent Intervenor Form:

OEB Proceedings:

None

Issues:

GLP is materially impacted by the proceeding, because its partner First Nations have land rights and interests potentially impacted by the development, construction, and operation, and

decommissioning of Project, as evidenced by crown delegation of the Duty to Consult provided to Hydro One. GLP and its partner First Nations do not own or have controlling interest in the Applicant. However, GLP has the option to participate in the ownership of the Waasigan transmission line assets after construction is complete.

Policy Interests:

Not Applicable

Hearings:

GLP prefers written hearings. This would facilitate the participation of its eight First Nation owners, who live in fairly remote areas. Travelling for in-person OEB hearings would be costly in terms of time and money for the GLP First Nation partners.

Evidence:

GLP is unable to answer this question at this time.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

GLP will not be coordinating its intervention with any other intervenors.

Cost Awards:

GLP will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding. GLP is eligible for a cost award because it is a party that represents First Nations with an interest in land affected by the proceedings, per rule 3.03(c) of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Language Preference:

GLP will not be participating in the French Language.