

79 Wellington St. W., 30th Floor Box 270, TD South Tower Toronto, Ontario M5K 1N2 Canada P. 416.865.0040 | F. 416.865.7380 www.torys.com

Jonathan Myers jmyers@torys.com P. 416.865.7532

April 15, 2024

#### **RESS, EMAIL & COURIER**

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

Attention: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

# Re: Semi-Annual Report on CWIP Account and Backup Supply Arrangements for the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project (EB-2018-0190)

Enclosed on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) is the April 15, 2024 *Semi-Annual Report on CWIP Account and Backup Supply Arrangements* for the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project. This report, which has been filed on RESS, is provided in accordance with the Board's Decision and Order in EB-2018-0190 (issued April 1, 2019 and revised April 29, 2019). Similar reports were previously filed pursuant to the Board's March 23, 2017 Decision and Order in EB-2016-0262. Please note that this version of the report also includes the additional information that WPLP agreed to provide pursuant to the approved Settlement Agreements in EB-2021-0134 and EB-2022-0149.

Yours truly

Jonathan Myers

Enclosure

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

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

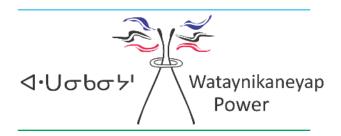
**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* C.S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B); pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act.* 

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP, for an Order or Orders to establish a deferral account, for the purposes of recording certain costs relating to development of the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project.

#### WATAYNIKANEYAP POWER LP

Semi-Annual Report on CWIP Account and Backup Supply Arrangements

April 15, 2024



EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 1 of 21

# 1. Introduction

On April 1, 2019, the OEB issued a Decision and Order in EB-2018-0190 (the "Decision"), granting Wataynikaneyap Power LP ("WPLP") leave to construct certain transmission lines and related facilities, as well as approving certain code exemptions and a cost recovery and rate framework.<sup>1</sup> The Decision directed WPLP to use CWIP Account 2055 to record construction costs and approved WPLP's request to transfer the balances from its development costs deferral account to the CWIP account. In addition, the Decision established, as a condition of approval, that WPLP must provide the OEB with semi-annual updates on the CWIP account, as well as on the progress of backup supply arrangements for the connecting communities, with the first such report being due on October 15, 2019 and subsequent reports being required every April 15 and October 15. Reporting on the CWIP account is required until all costs related to initial construction of the transmission system are cleared from the CWIP account<sup>2</sup> and reporting on backup power is required until arrangements have been fully implemented for all connecting communities. Moreover, those reports are to be based on December 31 and June 30 cut-offs for financials, and March 31 and September 30 cut-offs for project activities.

In addition, as part of the OEB-approved Settlement Agreements in EB-2021-0134 and EB-2022-0149, WPLP agreed to include the following additional information in its semi-annual reports:

- a current schedule of the expected connection dates for each remote community that is, at the time of the semi-annual report, not yet connected to WPLP's transmission system;
- details of any updates to WPLP's current operations, including (1) how scopes of work under the Control Room Services Agreement and the Inspection, Maintenance and Emergency Response (IMER) Agreement will be performed, (2) the nature and status of permitting and engagement required for operational access, and (3) WPLP's fleet and facilities plans, as well as (4) material changes to its long-term operating plans with respect to operations, operating and maintenance systems and practices;
- updated information, in respect of each community for which an independent power authority (IPA) will be transferring their distribution system assets to HORCI, on the status of each such IPA community in meeting the transfer conditions included in the IPA community's transfer agreements with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and HORCI, subject to WPLP being able to obtain this information from ISC along with consent from ISC to provide it on the public record in WPLP's semi-annual reports; and
- high-level status updates, in respect of each of the communities currently served by HORCI and which will be connected to WPLP's transmission system, on key milestones relating to those

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The OEB revised its Decision and Order on April 29, 2019 to distinguish the CWIP interest rates applicable to debt incurred on an arm's length basis vs debt incurred on a non-arm's length basis in paragraph 7 of the Order section. <sup>2</sup> The Decision states "until the CWIP account is terminated" (Schedule B, Condition 4). WPLP's interpretation is that in directing WPLP to use CWIP Account 2055 instead of establishing a CWIP deferral account, the CWIP account will not be "terminated", and the intent of this requirement is to apply the reporting requirement until CWIP balances related to initial construction have been transferred from CWIP Account 2055 to in-service assets.

communities' efforts to become ready for connection to WPLP's transmission system, consistent with the information provided in response to HORCI IR #2(d) from EB-2021-0134.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, this Semi-Annual Report addresses the following aspects:

Section 2 - CWIP account

- Section 3 Back-up supply arrangements
- Section 4 Community connection dates
- Section 5 Operating plans
- Section 6.1 Status of IPA-served communities
- Section 6.2 Status of HORCI-served communities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See EB-2021-0134 Settlement Proposal, p.14

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 3 of 21

# 2. CWIP Account

### 2.1 Construction Cost, Forecasts and Variances

The table below provides a comparison between the project cost forecast as provided in the 2024 rate application and the current project cost forecast.

As compared to the 2024 rate application, the current project cost forecast has increased by \$14.5 million, primarily driven by capitalized interest resulting in additional cost of \$25.6 million, offset by non-EPC capital cost savings of \$3.8 million, reduction in planned other infrastructure costs of \$3.8 million and reduction of COVID-19 costs by \$3.5 million based on audited COVID-19 costs to December 31, 2023. Changes to EPC costs were captured through contingency and resulted in no overall impact to Total Project Costs. Detailed project costs variance analysis will be presented in WPLP's forthcoming 2025 rate application.

#### Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) Project Cost Forecast For the Reporting Period - July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

		Forecasted		Current Forecast	-	/ariance between					
	(202	Project Costs (2024 Rate Application)		Project Costs Pro		Project Costs	Project Forecast presented in 2024 rate application and Current				Percent of Current Forecast Spent
EPC Contract - Transmission Line Facilities - Line to Pickle Lake	\$	214,987,316	\$	214,987,316	\$	-	\$	214,987,316	100%		
EPC Contract - Transmission Line Facilities - Remote											
Connection Lines	\$	911,223,518	\$	911,272,724	-\$	49,206	\$	861,741,821	95%		
EPC Contract - Station Facilities - Line to Pickle Lake	\$	38,472,209	\$	38,472,209	\$	-	\$	38,472,209	100%		
EPC Contract -Station Facilities - Remote Connection Lines	\$	304,425,607	\$	304,425,607	\$	-	\$	295,057,088	97%		
Other Infrastructure	\$	9,245,392	\$	5,393,392	\$	3,852,000	\$	155,392	3%		
HONI Interconnection	\$	950,000	\$	471,905	\$	478,095	\$	471,905	100%		
Engineering, Design, Project/Construction Management &											
Procurement	\$	117,752,023	\$	116,541,830	\$	1,210,193	\$	103,852,600	89%		
Environmental Assessments, Routing, Permitting, Regulatory											
& Legal	\$	27,287,018	\$	27,274,720	\$	12,298	\$	26,995,295	99%		
Land Rights	\$	11,901,686	\$	10,970,165	\$	931,521	\$	10,356,682	94%		
Aboriginal Engagement, Stakeholder Consultation,											
Participation and Training	\$	44,541,180	\$	43,405,690	\$	1,135,490	\$	42,422,000	98%		
COVID-19 Costs	\$	74,569,552	\$	71,099,576	\$	3,469,976	\$	68,174,054			
Contingency	\$	81,881,849	\$	81,832,643	\$	49,206	\$	-	0%		
Costs before AFUDC	\$	1,837,237,349	\$	1,826,147,777	\$	11,089,573	\$	1,662,686,363	91%		
Capitalized Interest	\$	68,781,296	\$	94,347,000	-\$	25,565,704	\$	85,695,914	91%		
Total Project Costs	\$	1,906,018,646	\$	1,920,494,777	-\$	14,476,131	\$	1,748,382,277	91%		

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 5 of 21

## 2.2 Carrying Charges

#### Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) Account Interest For the Reporting Period - July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	As at <u>30-Jun-23</u>	Additions <u>07 2023 - 12 2023</u>	As at <b>31-Dec-23</b>
Carrying Charge Interest Income	\$65,416,443	\$20,279,471	\$85,695,914
Carrying Charge Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
Carrying Charges on Construction Costs	\$65.416.443	\$20.279.471	\$85.695.914

\*Carrying charges recorded up to March 31, 2019 were earned at the prescribed rates published by the OEB in accordance with the decision in EB-2016-0262. Carrying charges recorded subsequent to March 31, 2019 were earned at WPLP's actual cost of debt in accordance with the decision in EB-2019-0190.

\*\*Carrying Charge Interest Expense was reversed based on the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2021-0134, which approved the discontinuance of the CWIP funding sub-account.

# 3. Backup Power

The Decision requires WPLP's reporting with respect to backup supply arrangements to provide an understanding, in relation to the forecasted grid-connection date for each community, of whether backup supply is likely to be available, including when, where and whether it would be in the amount required.

## 3.1 Progress Update

In response to interrogatories in EB-2018-0190, WPLP informed the Board that as part of finalizing the definitive documents for the Government Funding Framework, Canada, Ontario, WPLP and First Nation LP agreed to enter into a Parallel Process Agreement which outlines the process for addressing backup power needs.<sup>4</sup> This Parallel Process Agreement was executed on July 3, 2019.

As contemplated in the Parallel Process Agreement, Indigenous Services Canada and First Nation LP formed a Backup Power Working Group (BPWG) to develop a Backup Power Plan as well as secure related funding and operational commitments for the Connecting Communities that can be implemented prior to grid connection.

The BPWG finalized the Backup Power Plan in Q2 2020 and distributed it to key stakeholders early June 2020. The development process for the Backup Power Plan was as follows:

- In 2018, HORCI developed a report outlining technical and environmental requirements as well as other considerations for backup power in the Connecting Communities that they currently service. Building on this work, HORCI completed an annex to this report (Containerized DGS Annex) outlining requirements for them to provide backup power in the Connecting Communities currently serviced by Independent Power Authorities (IPA) as these communities require additional consideration. The HORCI report annex was completed in December 2019.
- By the end of 2019, the BPWG completed the first of two rounds of engagement with the Connecting Communities, and involved other stakeholders in discussions, including Hydro One Remote Communities (HORCI) and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines.
- After receiving the updated HORCI report, including the annex, the BPWG developed a draft Backup Power Plan, which was presented to the Connecting Communities during the second round of community engagement, which took place January – September 2020. The second round of community engagement was initially set to conclude in April 2020. However, the timeline was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and related community access & social restrictions. In addition, the draft Backup Power Plan was presented to other stakeholders including HORCI and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines for review and feedback.
- The BPWG finalized the Backup Power Plan in Q2 2020, subject to additional processes required to approve the implementation details and secure the necessary funding for each community as described below. The Backup Power Plan was circulated to the Connecting Communities and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EB-2018-0190; Response to Board Staff Supplemental IR 67

other key stakeholders in early June 2020, with the Connecting Communities being provided with both electronic copies and hardcopies of the plan.

• For 13 of the 16 Connecting Communities, the Backup Power Plan recommended repurposing the existing diesel generation (DGS) assets for use as backup power. For the remaining three (3) communities which include North Caribou Lake First Nation, Pikangikum First Nation, and Wawakapewin First Nation, the Backup Power Plan recommended backup power at ISC-funded critical assets only.

Critical asset backup power for all communities is being implemented by each community. HORCI will complete the required upgrades to the DGS assets in eight (8) of the ten (10) communities they currently serve in order to repurpose the assets for use as backup power. Dedicated backup power at critical assets only was recommended for North Caribou Lake and Pikangikum<sup>5</sup>. The DGS assets in the six (6) IPA communities not currently served by HORCI have been inspected/assessed by an independent engineer, the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), TSSA, as well as HORCI for suitability as backup power. Modifications to the DGS assets in communities not currently served by HORCI to enable transition from primary power to backup power operation will be completed prior to HORCI taking over operations and maintenance. HORCI is not taking over ownership of the DGS assets.

A preliminary draft workplan/timeline was developed by ISC in August 2020 that provided a framework for the implementation of the recommended backup power option for each Connecting Community as outlined in the Backup Power Plan. The workplan/timeline was shared with the Connecting Communities, their Tribal Councils, and Opiikapawiin Services (on behalf of First Nation LP). Previously, projects were categorized according to the fiscal year they were to be released and were as follows:

- Year 1 (Funding application released in FY 20/21 4 communities),
- Year 2 (Funding application released in FY 21/22 5 communities), and
- Year 3 (Funding application released in FY 22/23 7 communities).

The schedule for backup power implementation projects was revised in summer 2023 and is outlined in greater detail below.

In August 2020, ISC began working with the Connecting Communities whose backup power implementation projects were to be initiated in Year 1 and their Tribal Councils to develop and submit their respective backup power implementation funding applications. These communities included Wunnumin Lake First Nation, Pikangikum First Nation (critical assets only), Poplar Hill First Nation, and North Caribou Lake First Nation (critical assets only).

In January 2021, ISC began developing template funding applications for the Connecting Communities whose backup power implementation projects are to be initiated in Year 2. These communities included Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Deer Lake First Nation, North Spirit Lake First Nation, and Keewaywin First Nation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Wawakapewin was excluded given additional work required to assess existing infrastructure described on page 8 of semi-annual report.

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 8 of 21

As of December 2022, funding applications for the remaining seven (7) backup power implementation projects were developed, submitted to ISC, and approved. As of January 2023, work was underway for 15 of the 16 backup power implementation projects.

Wawakapewin First Nation is a unique case. The Backup Power Plan recommended backup power at ISCfunded critical assets only in Wawakapewin, of which there were none at that time. When HORCI was conducting reviews of the DGS assets in the Connecting Communities to assess their suitability for backup power, they were unable to visit Wawakapewin due to community access challenges. Consequently, HORCI and the BPWG used information available at the time for backup power planning. As the backup power planning process progressed, it was found that the technical information related to the Wawakapewin DGS assets, which was used to support the backup power recommendation outlined in the Backup Power Plan, was outdated. The BPWG and HORCI were able to obtain more current information related to the Wawakapewin DGS assets. Based on this new information, HORCI communicated their willingness to reassess the feasibility of repurposing and taking over operation of DGS assets in Wawakapewin for backup power. In August 2022, ISC met with Wawakapewin First Nation and agreed to provide funding for inspections and assessments of the DGS assets by an independent engineer, ESA, TSSA, and HORCI in order to properly evaluate their suitability for use as backup power. In January 2023, ISC approved funds to complete technical assessments of the DGS assets in Wawakapewin First Nation for suitability as backup power. Technical assessments were completed in August 2023 and confirmed that the DGS assets in Wawakapewin are unsuitable for use as backup power. Since Wawakapewin is a very small community, alternative options for backup power are also being investigated. Investigations and discussions are ongoing.

Energization dates for the Connecting Communities were revised as a result of COVID-19 and regional forest fires in 2021. The backup power implementation project schedule was also updated. Backup power implementation projects are no longer tracked by fiscal year, but rather by community energization date. Community energization dates are provided by Wataynikaneyap Power. In summer 2023, there were several communities whose energization dates were accelerated from 2024 to late 2023.

	Connecting Community	Energization	Design	Procurement	Design	Construction					
Č	connecting community	Date	Critical Assets	Critical Assets	DGS Assets	DGS Assets					
Ene	Energization in 2022										
1	Pikangikum First Nation	December 2018	Complete	In Progress	N/A	N/A					
2	North Caribou Lake First Nation	October 2022	Complete	In Progress	N/A	N/A					
3	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	November 2022	Complete	In Progress	Complete	Complete					
Ene	ergization 2023										
4	Bearskin Lake First Nation	July 2023	Complete	N/A	Complete	Complete					
5	Wawakapewin First Nation	August 2023	In Progress (Study)	TBD	N/A	N/A					
6	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	September 2023	Complete	In Progress	Complete	Spring 2024					

A table showing the revised backup power implementation workplan is shown below:

#### EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 9 of 21

7	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	September 2023	Complete	In Progress	Complete	Complete
8	Sachigo Lake First Nation	November 2023	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Complete
9	Kitchnuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	December 2023	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Complete
10	Wapekeka First Nation	December 2023	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Complete
11	Muskrat Dam First Nation	July 2023*	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started
Ene	rgization 2024					
12	Poplar Hill First Nation	March 2024*	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started
13	Deer Lake First Nation	April 2024	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started
14	Sandy Lake First Nation	April 2024	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started
15	North Spirit Lake First Nation	May 2024	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started
16	Keewaywin First Nation	May 2024	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started

\*Transmission system assets up to the community connection point are energized. Community energization is dependent on IPA upgrades and transfers. See "Attachment A" for the latest status update report provided by ISC in relation to the IPA communities not yet connected to WPLP's transmission system.

Updates for the 16 active backup power implementation projects are as follows:

	Connecting Community	Project Status
1.	Pikangikum	Site visit completed by Engineer in July 2022. Design completed. Critical asset generator has been ordered. Critical asset design was finalized in March 2024. Tender and construction timelines depend on delivery timelines and will be confirmed April 2024.
2.	North Caribou Lake	The DGS assets will not be repurposed for use as backup power due to age, condition, and environmental contamination. ESA/TSSA inspections not required for critical assets. Site visit completed by Engineer in June 2022. Design completed. NCLFN put the process on hold pending resolution of community-wide backup power issue. In February 2024, NCLFN agreed to proceed with the purchase of critical asset generators, which have since been ordered.
3.	Kingfisher Lake	Site visit completed by Engineer in June 2022. Critical asset generators have been ordered. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
4.	Bearskin Lake	There are no critical assets in Bearskin Lake requiring dedicated backup power. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
5.	Wawakapewin (IPA)	Wawakapewin has identified a community gathering point to receive dedicated critical asset backup power. The water treatment plant has its own backup power source and there are no other community critical assets. In January 2023, ISC approved funds for inspections/assessments of the DGS assets to determine suitability as backup power. Inspections/assessments have been completed by TSSA, ESA, Engineer, and HORCI. DGS assets were confirmed to not be suitable for use as backup power due to asset condition, site contamination, and other issues. Alternative backup power options are being reviewed and discussed by Wawakapewin Chief and Council and ISC.
6.	Wunnumin Lake (IPA)	Critical asset design complete. Critical asset generators have been ordered. DGS inspections by Engineer, TSSA, ESA, and HORCI have been completed. The design for DGS modifications has been finalized. Enhanced Phase 1 ESA at the DGS site has been completed, and discussions are ongoing between ISC, HORCI, and Wunnumin Lake with regards to next steps. Pre-qualification for contractors to install critical asset generator and

#### EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 10 of 21

	Connecting Community	Project Status
		complete DGS modifications has been completed. The construction tender has been released. DGS modifications work is expected to be completed fall 2024. Critical asset work is expected to be completed once the generator is delivered. Wunnumin Lake has also purchased two new 50,000 L fuel tanks which will be installed as part of the work.
7.	Kasabonika Lake	Critical asset design complete. Critical asset generators have been ordered. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
8.	Sachigo Lake	Site visit completed by Engineer in September 2022. Design completed. Critical asset generator has been ordered. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
9.	Kitchnuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Site visit completed by Engineer in November 2022. Design completed. Critical asset generators have been ordered. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
10.	Wapekeka	Site visit completed by Engineer in November 2022. Design completed. Critical asset generator has been ordered. HORCI has completed modifications to the DGS assets and community-wide backup power is available from the DGS.
11.	Muskrat Dam (IPA)	Critical asset design complete. Critical asset generators have been ordered. DGS inspections by Engineer, TSSA, and ESA have been completed. Design for DGS modifications are ongoing. Enhanced Phase 1 ESA at the DGS site has been completed and a Phase 2 ESA is being coordinated.
12.	Poplar Hill (IPA)	Site visits by Engineer in June 2022 and February 2023. Critical asset design complete. Critical asset generator has been ordered. DGS inspections by Engineer, TSSA, ESA, and HORCI have been completed. Design for DGS modifications are ongoing. HORCI provided feedback on the DGS modifications design based on their site visit and inspection. The DGS assets are also being upgraded through a separate, unrelated project. That work is currently ongoing and must be completed prior to initiating DGS modifications for backup power. HORCI conducted a follow up inspection. The current DGS upgrades are substantially complete. A Land-Use Permit (LUP) is required to operate the DGS for backup power as the DGS assets are located off-reserve. The Phase 1 ESA at the DGS site is ongoing.
13.	Deer Lake	Site visit completed by Engineer in September 2022. The critical asset generator design is in progress. Critical asset generators have been ordered. HORCI provided their scope of work for DGS modifications and will initiate work in spring 2024.
14.	Sandy Lake	Site visit by Engineer in December 2022. The critical asset generator design is completed. Critical asset generators have been ordered. HORCI provided their scope of work for DGS modifications and will initiate work in spring 2024.
15.	North Spirit Lake (IPA)	Site visits by Engineer in December 2022 and April 2023. Design for critical asset backup is ongoing. Critical asset generators have been ordered. Design for DGS modifications is ongoing. The Phase 1 ESA at the DGS site is ongoing.
16.	Keewaywin (IPA)	Site visit by TSSA in April 2023. Site visit by Engineer is scheduled for October 2023. Design for critical asset backup has been initiated. Design for DGS modifications is being initiated. The Phase 1 ESA at the DGS site is ongoing.

HORCI has completed DGS updates/conversions in eight (8) of the ten (10) communities they serve with the purpose of community-wide backup power supplied via the existing DGS to be available at grid-connection.

Procurement times for dedicated generators to supply critical assets are approximately one year from time of order. Dedicated backup power at critical assets will not be available until critical asset generators

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 11 of 21

can be procured and brought to site. The two (2) remaining communities – Pikangikum and North Caribou Lake – will not have dedicated backup at critical assets prior to installation of these generators. The 20kW and 30kW critical asset generators are being assembled and will be ready for shipment when required by the tender schedule for each community where they are being installed. The 40kW, 50kW, and 60kW critical asset generators will arrive at the supplier's facility in Winnipeg, MB, by March 31, 2024, for assembly. Shipment timelines for these generators are to be determined based on the contract award schedule for each community where they are being installed.

OSLP, on behalf of First Nation LP, continues to support the Connecting Communities and their Tribal Councils with implementing backup power.

### 3.2 Key Issues and Risks

The issues and risks discussed in the table below are associated with the implementation of the Backup Power Plan as discussed in Section 3.1, as well as the timing for completing this plan in relation to the inservice dates for the Connecting Communities. The table will be updated in future reports to focus on any new issues and risks arising during the implementation of the plan.

ltem	Description	Impact	Actions/Mitigation	Requirement to Remove Risk
1.	Connecting Community Support In order for backup power solutions to be accepted by each Connecting Community, there must be meaningful dialog and engagement with respect to any inputs, assumptions, standards and costs underpinning the HORCI report, as well as any potential community impacts resulting from the proposed solution.	Failure to secure community acceptance of backup power solutions could delay or prevent finalization of Backup Power Implementation Funding Applications.	<ul> <li>Early and ongoing engagement with the Connecting Communities specifically focused on backup power requirements and solutions</li> <li>First Nation LP is a party to the Parallel Process Agreement, and a member of the Backup Power Working Group</li> <li>Terms of Reference for the Backup Power Working Group indicate intent to secure support letters from each Connecting Community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Obtain a Band Council Resolution (BCR) supporting the Backup Power Plan from each Connecting Community</li> <li>BCRs have been executed by 15 of 16 Connecting Communities</li> </ul>
2.	Stakeholder Support & Commitments In addition to Connecting Community support, the proposed backup power solution for each community must have commitments from relevant stakeholders with respect to any required upfront investments, ongoing operational and maintenance responsibilities, and cost responsibility for future operation and capital reinvestment.	Failure to secure funding and operational commitments for the preferred backup power solution could delay or prevent backup power implementation.	<ul> <li>Canada is a party to the Parallel Process Agreement, and ISC is a member of the BPWG</li> <li>Early and ongoing discussion with HORCI</li> <li>HORCI engaged to complete 2018 Backup Power Report and updated 2019 Backup Power Report for the working group</li> <li>Participation in Backup Power Working Group meetings by HORCI</li> <li>Participation in Backup Power Implementation by HORCI</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contractual arrangements related to Backup Power</li> <li>Funding agreement related to implementation of backup power</li> <li>Development of technical documents related to the implementation of backup power (i.e. technical or environmental scopes, etc.)</li> </ul>
3.	Timing Backup Power funding applications should be submitted with sufficient lead time to allow for system	Delays in backup power funding application submissions could result in delays to	<ul> <li>Target date for finalizing the Backup Power Plan is more than one year ahead of the earliest in-service dates for community connections</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submission and approval of each backup power funding application</li> </ul>

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 13 of 21

ltem	Description	Impact	Actions/Mitigation	Requirement to Remove Risk
	modifications and other work to be completed prior to the grid-connection date for each Connecting Community.	implementation which, in turn could result in reliability impacts following connection	<ul> <li>Coordination of schedules between WPLP Project Management group and OSLP/ISC to prioritize backup power solutions based on grid-connection timelines and lead times for backup power solutions</li> <li>Backup Power meetings held regularly to discuss scheduling &amp; target dates</li> <li>Tribal Councils and ISC, supported by OSLP, are providing support to the Connecting Communities with completion &amp; submission of funding applications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Funding applications have been submitted and approved for all backup power projects to date</li> <li>Updated grid- connection schedule from WPLP to ensure continued alignment between backup power implementation and grid-connection</li> </ul>
4.	Implementation Implementation of backup power (legal agreements, environmental work, regulatory approvals, funding approvals, construction etc.) in time for grid-connection of each community	Implementation of backup power is not a requirement for grid- connection. However, delays in backup power implementation could result in service gaps.	<ul> <li>Coordination of schedules between WPLP Project Management and each backup power implementation project</li> <li>Hold HORCI accountable to their cost &amp; schedule estimates</li> <li>Actively manage impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and related community access restrictions / social restrictions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation of recommended backup power option in each of the Connecting Communities</li> </ul>

# 3.3 Backup Power Solutions and Forecasted Dates by Community

The Backup Power Projects section of Attachment 'A' includes a summary of backup power solutions and overall status by community as assessed by ISC. Note that the grid connection dates shown in Attachment 'A' are currently aligned with potential accelerated construction schedule.

# 4. Community Connection Schedule

The table below provides the energization dates for each community excluding connections in 2022 and 2023.

Energization Dates by Community						
Date	Community					
Mar-24*	Poplar Hill First Nation					
Apr-24	Deer Lake First Nation					
Apr-24	Sandy Lake First Nation					
May-24	North Spirit Lake First Nation					
May-24	Keewaywin First Nation					

\*Transmission assets up to community connection point are energized.

# 5. Operational Update

The Settlement Agreement from EB-2021-0134 contemplates the inclusion in this semi-annual report of reporting on details of any updates to WPLP's current operations, and material changes to its long-term operating plans with respect to operations, operating and maintenance systems and practices. Further, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in EB-2022-0149, WPLP committed to provide additional details on certain activities included in the "Current Operations" section of this report. These aspects are provided as follows.

# 5.1 Current Operations

WPLP continues to add staff to support engineering, asset management and operations functions and continues to increase work activity under third-party service agreements as additional assets come into service.

# 5.1.1 Inspection, Maintenance and Emergency Response Service Agreement

WPLP entered into a service agreement with PowerTel Utilities Contractors Limited ("PowerTel") in December 2022 (the "IMER Agreement"), with an initial term extending to December 31, 2026.

The inspection and maintenance scope of the IMER Agreement includes:

- Quarterly visual inspections of in-service substations, with thermographic scans, oil sampling and dissolved gas analysis completed annually, coincident with one of the quarterly inspections, beginning in 2023.
- Transformer, reactor, and circuit breaker electrical/mechanical inspection and testing on a multi-year cycle, beginning in 2024.
- Annual aerial inspections of transmission lines, beginning in 2023.
- Transmission line ground inspections on a multi-year cycle, beginning in 2024, including tower climbing inspections for a small sample of the towers being inspected.

The scope of the IMER Agreement also includes unplanned work, including outage and emergency response, switching activity, troubleshooting alarms, as well as correction of any defects discovered during inspection and maintenance activity. Wherever practical, non-emergency work is coordinated with planned inspection and maintenance activities to reduce mobilization costs.

The IMER Agreement also includes provisions related to Indigenous employment, contracting and capacity building. Members of Participating First Nations have been hired into apprenticeships with PowerTel, allowing them to work on a variety of transmission projects to progress through their apprenticeships in a timely manner. The intent of this arrangement is to develop a pool of local, qualified individuals that can be employed directly by WPLP in the future, with a goal of self-performing routine tasks and reducing mobilization times to the remote project footprint during outages and emergencies.

All planned quarterly substation inspections and the annual aerial inspection of in-service transmission lines were completed in 2023. To address woodpecker damage observed during line inspections, PowerTel also replaced three wood poles with composite poles on the portion of the Red Lake to Pikangikum transmission line constructed in 2018. Non-emergency unplanned work for switching and troubleshooting alarms was completed by a combination of internal staff and contracted resources, leveraging warranty provisions of WPLP's EPC contract with Valard where applicable. Emergency and outage response activity in 2023 was limited to training on the design, assembly and erection of aluminum storm response structures.

### 5.1.2 Control Room Services Agreement

WPLP entered into an operating services agreement with HONI in August 2022 (the "Control Room Services Agreement"). Under the terms of this agreement, HONI is providing a full range of control room services to WPLP, including:

- Continuous monitoring and control of WPLP's transmission system, including notification of alarms, equipment rating concerns and other conditions that may impact system operations or reliability.
- Controlling voltage levels and reactive power flows in coordination with operating procedures and direction from IESO.
- Monitoring telecom, protection, and control systems.
- Remote switching and equipment operation.
- Notification of outages and alarms, and activation of WPLP's on-call response as required.

WPLP has worked closely with HONI to determine where existing HONI procedures can be employed for the operation of WPLP's system, and where exceptions or additional procedures are required to address WPLP's specific circumstances. As a result of this collaboration, a number of comprehensive WPLPspecific operating procedures, reference documents and prioritization criteria for response have been developed to supplement HONI's operating procedures.

16 of WPLP's 22 substations have been integrated with HONI's control room as of March 31, 2024.

WPLP and HONI continue to collaborate on the integration work required for the remaining six stations not yet in service.

# 5.1.3 Operational Access and Permitting

WPLP's operational access is in a transitional phase, where permits for construction access remain valid, and where construction access includes access being actively used for demobilization and land restoration, and access being decommissioned for certain areas where all EPC activity is complete. During this transitional phase, WPLP continues to engage with land users and the leadership of each First Nation to determine where certain access established during construction can be leveraged for future O&M activities. The purpose of this engagement is to ensure that the scope of land restoration activities under the EPC contract and any access being retained for O&M purposes is compatible with commitments made during the EA process and traditional land use activities. During this transitional phase, WPLP is also meeting regularly with MNRF to discuss proposals for permanent operational access and associated permitting timelines.

Substation access will be achieved by road where possible (5-7 substations, depending on the time of year) and by air for the remaining substations. With a large portion of the construction of WPLP's transmission lines relying on winter road access, WPLP will not have year-round road access to the majority of its transmission system for the foreseeable future. WPLP has identified several complementary strategies to mitigate this risk:

- Helicopter landing areas are being incorporated into the permanent access plan for areas where road access is not available year-round, with sufficient landing areas to ensure reasonable travel distances along WPLP's ROW to any structure.
- Strategic storage locations are being identified for spare materials and lighter equipment, to ensure that combinations of road access and helicopter transportation can deliver material to any tower location, with consideration of weight limits and refuelling locations.
- Lightweight modular aluminum storm response structures have been procured for both temporary and permanent tower replacements in certain situations with challenging access. These towers can be installed without the need to mobilize heavy equipment.
- Planned work activities will be scheduled to take advantage of differences in seasonal access to the extent practical (e.g. winter road availability, drier terrain in late summer).
- Mutual assistance agreements with other utilities.
- WPLP's IMER service provider (PowerTel) has decades of experience in off-road utility construction and emergency response, with a significant fleet of tracked equipment that can be readily mobilized to the project footprint.
- Backup power solutions have been identified for most of the First Nations being connected to WPLP's transmission system.

# 5.1.4 Spares, Fleet and Facilities

WPLP has completed most of its spare material procurement through provisions in its EPC contract. This process leveraged the EPC contractor's vendor relationships, specifications, and QA/QC program. Procuring spares through the EPC contractor also created efficiencies with respect to delivery, receipt and temporary storage of spares. Through this process, WPLP has now received most of the spare parts required to ensure prompt replacement or repair of transmission system assets. Upcoming facility priorities include the construction of strategic storage locations for spare equipment and fleet.

WPLP's fleet requirements are mainly being met through the IMER agreement, with PowerTel having access to a large range of both on-road and tracked off-road equipment, supplemented by emergency response strategies involving helicopters as described above. General transportation needs for WPLP are also being met through purchased pickup trucks, third-party equipment rentals and third-party air transportation as required. Upcoming fleet priorities include the purchase of aerial lift equipment to facilitate inspection, maintenance and emergency response activity that requires working at heights in its most remote and inaccessible substations.

### 5.2 Long-term Operating Plans

The operational priorities identified in Section 5.1 are consistent with the description provided by WPLP in EB-2022-0149 related to the development of its Interim O&M Strategy.<sup>6</sup> Based on the energization schedule update provided in Section 4 above, WPLP expects to remain in a state of balancing construction and commissioning activity with operating and maintenance requirements until mid-2024. The core concept of the IMER Agreement is that WPLP and its service provider will work collaboratively to build capacity within the Participating First Nations to support the growth of WPLP's Operations department. As WPLP and its IMER service provider partner work collaboratively to build this capacity, the Interim O&M Strategy is expected to gradually transition to a long-term maintenance strategy where WPLP increasingly self-performs routine O&M activities, supplemented by local and strategic service providers. WPLP's long-term fleet and facilities strategy will also evolve based on the timing of direct trades employment to self-perform any O&M activity.

Additionally, WPLP expects to ramp up its vegetation management program over the next few years. Developing a comprehensive vegetation management plan will include First Nation engagement and training, data collection and analysis to assess re-growth and prioritize areas for clearing, as well as research on effective work methods that avoid the use of herbicides. WPLP expects to continue vegetation management on sections of the Red Lake to Pikangikum system in the coming years, as the majority of this right of way was originally cleared for construction of the Pikangikum distribution system in 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> EB-2022-0149; Exhibit B-1-4, Section C

# 6. IPA Transfer and HORCI Status Updates

The Settlement Agreement from EB-2021-0134 contemplates that WPLP will provide updated information, in respect of each community for which an IPA will be transferring their distribution system assets to HORCI, on the status of each such IPA community in meeting the transfer conditions included in the IPA community's transfer agreements with ISC and HORCI, subject to WPLP being able to obtain this information from ISC along with consent from ISC to provide it on the public record in WPLP's semi-annual reports. Additionally, in respect of the communities currently served by HORCI, the Settlement Agreement contemplates that WPLP will provide high-level status updates on key milestones relating to those communities' efforts to become ready for connection to WPLP's transmission system. These aspects are discussed below.

## 6.1 IPA Transfer Agreement Update

Two IPA communities were connected to WPLP's transmission system – Wawakapewin First Nation on August 16, 2023 and Wunnumin Lake First Nation on September 20, 2023.

Please see Attachment 'A' for the latest status update report provided by ISC related to the four IPA communities not yet connected to WPLP's transmission system. WPLP's understanding from ISC and OSLP is that they do not have community consent to publicly report on the detailed status of all transfer conditions by community. However, Attachment 'A' provides a status update for key project activities by community as assessed by ISC.

# 6.2 HORCI Community Status Update

WPLP and its EPC contractor worked with HORCI in Q2 and Q3 of 2021 to complete design activity for all communities being connected to WPLP's transmission system (including current IPA communities). These efforts included site visits to each community, determination of ownership demarcation points, 25 kV line design, and engineering design for demarcation point equipment (e.g. metering, switching and protection equipment).

WPLP continues to collaborate with HORCI and its EPC contractor on coordinating the following activities:

- 1. Delivery, installation and commissioning of demarcation point equipment
- 2. Coordination of line work at interconnection points
- 3. Updates to the WPLP/HORCI Transmission Connection Agreement
- 4. IESO registration requirements (including delivery point metering registration)
- 5. Identifying energization schedules, risks and options to mitigate risk
- 6. Any other key milestones identified HORCI, WPLP or the IESO

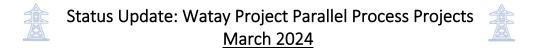
These collaborative efforts have led to connecting three additional First Nations to WPLP's transmission system between October 2023 and March 2024 (Sachigo Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug and Wapekeka First Nation), as well as being ready to connect Poplar Hill First Nation once all outstanding IPA transfer conditions have been fulfilled.

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 20 of 21

WPLP continues to meet regularly with HORCI and its EPC contractor to exchange more granular schedule details and to update the status of key milestones for connection to WPLP's transmission system. As of March 30, 2024, delivery and installation of all demarcation point equipment has been completed and ongoing efforts are focused on IESO registration and coordination of line work in the lead up to planned energization dates for the six substations and associated line segments that are not yet energized.

EB-2018-0190 Wataynikaneyap Power LP Semi-Annual Report April 15, 2024 Page 21 of 21

Attachment 'A' – ISC Status Report



### Independent Power Authorities Upgrades & Transfer Projects:

Overview: In six communities currently serviced by Independent Power Authorities, bring local distribution systems up to provincial standards, construct Compound sites for Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("REMOTES"), and provide customer information and distribution system mapping to REMOTES.

		PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND STATUS									
COMMUNITY	DESIGN, TENDER & PRE-CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION PHASE	CUSTOMER INFO & MAPPING TO REMOTES	GRID CONNECTION DATE**	OVERALL STATUS						
Wunnumin	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	September 2023	✓ Completed						
Muslant Dam		Distribution System: Electrical Safety Authority inspected (passed)	Deland and	iting direction from Chief 9. Cou							
Muskrat Dam	√	REMOTES Compound: Substantially complete	Delayed; awa	aiting direction from Chief & Council							
Wawakapewin	✓	$\checkmark$	√	August 2023	✓ Completed						
Depler Hill		Distribution System: Electrical Safety Authority inspected (passed)	Submitted to REMOTES for	March 2024							
Poplar Hill	<b>√</b>	REMOTES Compound: Substantially complete	review	(substation energization; community connection TBD)	✓ On track						
North Spirit Lake		Distribution System: Electrical Safety Authority inspected (passed); deficiencies being addressed	Underway	April 2024							
North Spirit Lake	V	<u>REMOTES Compound</u> : Substantially complete; minor deficiencies being addressed	Underway	(substation energization; community connection TBD)	✓ On track						
Keewaywin	1	Distribution System: Electrical Safety Authority inspected (passed); minor deficiencies being addressed	Underway	April 2024 (substation energization;	√ On track						
in the second seco		REMOTES Compound: Substantially complete		community connection TBD)							

# **Backup Power Projects:**

<u>Overview</u>: In each connecting community, implement backup power solution based on the Backup Power Plan. Backup power solutions include: community-wide backup power by repurposing the community's existing diesel generating station ("community-wide backup power") and dedicated standby generators at Indigenous Services Canada-funded critical community assets ("critical asset backup power").

			PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND STATUS							
COMMUNITY	TYPE OF BACKUP POWER	ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF DIESEL GENERATING STATION	ASSESSMENT OF DIESEL GENERATING STATION BY ESA, TSSA AND FIRE SAFETY***	DESIGN PHASE	CONSTRUCTION PHASE	GRID CONNECTION DATE**	OVERALL STATUS			
Pikangikum	Critical Asset	N/A – criti	cal asset only	Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	December 2018	Delayed			
North Caribou Lake	Critical Asset	N/A – criti	cal asset only	Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	October 2022	Delayed			
	Community-wide			Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES		Diesel Generating Station complete			
Kingfisher	and critical asset		TES community	Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generator ordered	November 2022	Critical Asset delayed			
Wunnumin	Community-wide and critical asset	Underway	ESA and Fire Safety inspection done	Underway	<u>Diesel Generating Station</u> : Forthcoming	September 2023	Delayed			
	and childar asset		Inspection done		<u>Critical Asset</u> : Generator ordered					
Muskrat Dam	Community- wide* and critical	Underway	ESA and Fire Safety	Underway	Diesel Generating Station: TBD	TBD	Delayed			
	asset		inspection done		Critical Asset: Generators ordered		,			
Wawakapewin	TBD	No critical asset backup power gaps to address. Assessment of potential options for community-wide BUP or BUP at a community-gathering location underway.				August 2023	-			
	Community-wide				Diesel Generating Station: Complete					
Bearskin Lake	and critical asset	N/A – REMOTES community		<u>Critical Asset</u> : Backup power already available; no further work needed	<u>Critical Asset</u> : Backup power already available; no further work needed	July 2023	✓ Completed			

Kasabonika		ommunity-wide N/A – REMOTES community		Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	September 2023	Diesel Generating Station complete	
Kasaboliika	and critical asset	N/A - KLINO	res community	Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	September 2023	Critical Asset delayed	
Poplar Hill	Community- wide* and critical	Underway	Forthcoming	Diesel Generating Station: Underway	Diesel Generating Station: Underway	March 2024 (substation energization;	Delayed	
	asset	set	Ŭ	Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generator ordered	community connection TBD)		
Kitchenuhmayk-	Community-wide	N/A – REMO	TES community	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Underway by REMOTES	December 2023	Delayed	
oosib Inninuwug	and critical asset		,	Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered			
Wapekeka	Community-wide	N/A – REMO	TES community	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Underway by REMOTES	December 2023	Delayed	
Tupenenu	and critical asset			Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered		2014/04	
Deer Lake	Community-wide	N/A – REMOTES community		Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Preparations underway by REMOTES	April 2024	Delayed	
Deer Lune	and critical asset			Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	7.011 2021		
Sachigo Lake	Community-wide	N/A - PEMO	TES community	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	November 2023	Diesel Generating Station complete	
Sachigo Lake	and critical asset	N/A – REMOTES community		<u>Critical Asset</u> : Underway	Critical Asset: Generator ordered	November 2023	Critical Asset delayed	
Sandy Lake	Community-wide	mmunity-wide N/A – REMOTES community		Diesel Generating Station: Completed by REMOTES	Diesel Generator Station: Preparations underway by REMOTES	April 2024	Delayed	
	and critical asset			Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered		Delayeu	
North Spirit	Community- wide* and critical	Underway	Underway	Diesel Generating Station: Underway	Diesel Generator Station: Forthcoming	April 2024 (substation energization;	Delayed	
Lake	asset	Childen May	Gideiway	Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	community connection TBD)	Delayea	
Keewaywin	Community-wide*	Underway	Underway	Diesel Generating Station: Underway	<u>Diesel Generator Station</u> : Forthcoming	April 2024 (substation energization;	Delayed	
Keeway wiir	and critical asset	and critical asset		Critical Asset: Underway	Critical Asset: Generators ordered	community connection TBD)	Delayed	

Green = Complete / Yellow = Underway / Red = To be completed GCDOCS # 87251332

# Legal Agreements and Permits:

COMMUNITY	LEGAL AGREEMENTS			
	UNDERSTANDING & CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT	BACKUP POWER OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR DIESEL GENERATING STATION (DGS)	PERMITS	GRID CONNECTION DATE**
Pikangikum	✓	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES Compound: ✓	December 2018
North Caribou Lake	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES Compound (DGS N/A): Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	October 2022
Kingfisher	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System, REMOTES Compound & DGS: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	November 2022
Wunnumin	✓	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES         Compound: ✓         28(2) Permit for DGS:         Under review by Remotes	September 2023
Muskrat Dam	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	28(2) Permit for Distribution System: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	To Be Determined
			Land Use Permit for <u>REMOTES</u> Compound: <b>√</b> (permit issued to First Nation until REMOTES takeover)	
			28(2) Permit for DGS: Forthcoming	
Wawakapewin	✓	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES Compound (DGS N/A): ✓	August 2023
Bearskin Lake	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System, REMOTES Compound & DGS: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	July 2023

Kasabonika	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	Distribution System: Under review by First Nation and their legal counselLand Use Permit for REMOTES Compound and DGS: TBC by REMOTES	September 2023
Poplar Hill	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	28(2) Permit for Distribution System: Under review by Remotes         Land Use Permit for REMOTES Compound: ✓ (permit issued to First Nation until REMOTES takeover)         Land Use Permit for DGS: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	March 2024 (substation energization; community connection TBD)
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System: Under review byFirst Nation and their legal counselLand Use Permit for REMOTES Compound & DGS: TBCby REMOTES	December 2023
Wapekeka	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System, REMOTES Compound & Diesel Generating Station: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	December 2023
Deer Lake	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System: Under review by First Nation and their legal counselLand Use Permit for REMOTES Compound & DGS: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	April 2024
Sachigo Lake	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel (agreement also covers backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System, REMOTES Compound & DGS: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	November 2023
Sandy Lake	Forthcoming (agreement will also cover backup power)	N/A	28(2) Permit for Distribution System, REMOTES Compound & DGS: Forthcoming	April 2024
North Spirit Lake	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES Compound: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	April 2024 (substation energization; community connection TBD)
			28(2) Permit for DGS: Under review by Remotes	

Keewaywin	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	28(2) Permit for Distribution System & REMOTES Compound: Under review by First Nation and their legal counsel	April 2024 (substation energization;
			28(2) Permit for DGS: Under review by Remotes	community connection TBD)

\*Assuming agreement can be reached between parties (Canada (ISC), REMOTES, and First Nation) with respect to roles and responsibilities (discussions ongoing through development of legal agreement) \*\*Connection dates are from Watay Power's website: <u>https://www.wataypower.ca/project/community-connection-schedule</u>