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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: PUC (Transmission) LP (PUC Transmission) and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie (HOSSM)  
Leave to Construct Application – PUC Tx Project and HOSSM Station Project  
Batchewana First Nation Interrogatory Responses  
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0360**

Please find attached responses provided by Batchewana First Nation to interrogatory questions posed by the Ontario Energy Board Staff.

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Chief Mark McCoy

cc: Batchewana First Nation Council Members  
Wayne Greer, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Business Network  
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## **OEB STAFF INTERROGATORY - 1**

**Ref:** Letter filed by BFN dated April 25, 2024  
BFN Energy Documents (confidential)

### **Preamble:**

In its letter filed on April 25, 2024, BFN provided the following non-confidential summary of the BFN Energy Documents:

The first document describes BFN's past and current participation in Ontario's energy markets and describes its future plans with respect to transmission and generation. The second document is a graph which provides a visual representation of the first document.

### **Question(s):**

- a) Please briefly discuss the relationship between the BFN Energy Documents and the current leave to construct application filed by PUC Transmission and HOSSM.
- b) Is BFN in a position to support the PUC Tx Project and HOSSM Station Project proposed in the current application?

### **Responses:**

- a) Batchewana First Nation (BFN) recognizes the need to increase electrical capacity throughout Algoma District to principally allow for integration of the electric arc furnaces at Algoma Steel. The development of the energy including assets owned wholly by or in a joint venture by BFN is integral to the overall energy strategy of Algoma District. Future BFN projects have the potential to make use of new assets that have been proposed by the PUC Transmission and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie.
- b) BFN is prepared to provide conditional support to PUC Transmission and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie on the following basis:
  - i. a commitment by both Parties to on-going engagement with the BFN membership throughout the life of the Projects, which the Parties agree to define in an expedited manner;
  - ii. support from PUC Transmission and Hydro One Sault Ste Marie to understand the impacts on the original peoples of these lands including arising out of the environmental assessment process and specific measures affecting the design and engineering phases of the Projects;
  - iii. obtaining responses to questions posed at the April 30, 2024, PUC Transmission Open House held at the Rankin Arena; and
  - iv. obtaining from PUC Transmission copies of the additional mapping to the new sub-station that was unavailable at the aforementioned open house.