

## Wapekeka First Nation

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

To whom it may concern,

## Re: Wataynikaneyap Rate Application - Wapekeka First Nation Letter of Support

Wapekeka First Nation's Chief and Council supports Wataynikaneyap Power's application requesting approval of a 2026 electricity transmission revenue requirement and recovery of this revenue requirement through rates effective January 1, 2026.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP's majority owner is First Nation LP, which is a partnership of 24 First Nations that includes Wapekeka First Nation. Wataynikaneyap Power's ability to receive an appropriate level transmission rate revenue is a critical component of First Nation LP's financing arrangements to support its equity contributions to the transmission system. The First Nation LP ownership interest and corresponding equity position will result in significant long-term benefits to both the participating First Nations and all Ontario ratepayers.

The application summarizes the historical and ongoing engagement efforts with communities and land users, and the importance of meaningful Indigenous Participation during the operation of the Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system. It is essential that community and land user engagement is a priority for Wataynikaneyap Power.

We respectfully request that the OEB, in hearing the application, take into consideration the above points regarding the importance of Wataynikaneyap Power receiving transmission revenue and the importance of meaningful Indigenous Participation and engagement.

Best Regards,

Chief Brennan Sainnawap

c.c. Wapekeka First Nation Council
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Margaret Kenequanash, CEO, Wataynikaneyap Power