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**BY EMAIL**

January 22, 2026

Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Impala Canada Ltd. (Impala)  
Application for Expropriation – Impala Line  
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Interrogatories  
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0286**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the OEB staff interrogatories for the above proceeding. This document has been sent to Impala Canada Ltd. (Impala) and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

Impala is reminded that its responses to interrogatories are due by **February 5, 2026**. Responses to interrogatories, including supporting documentation, must not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Yours truly,

Muhammad Yunus  
Advisor, Generation & Transmission

Encl.

**OEB Staff Interrogatories  
Impala Canada Ltd.  
EB-2025-0286**

**Staff – 1**

**Ref:** Section A, Page 3, Paragraph 3

Section C (i), Page 4, Paragraph 8-9

Appendix 5

**Preamble:**

Impala states at paragraph 3 that it has operated the transmission line on the respective parcels of land for 29 years. Impala further states at paragraphs 8 and 9 that the line was constructed in 1996 by PowerTel Utilities Contractors Limited as a contractor for North American Palladium Ltd. and Lac Des Iles Mines Ltd. and that much of the documentation related to the construction of the line has not been located due to changes in ownership. Impala notes that a FIPPA request has been submitted on July 2, 2025, to obtain more information.

**Questions:**

- a) When did Impala assume ownership of the transmission line?
- b) The application states that Impala owns and operates the Impala Line. The existing easements in Appendix 5 to the application provides North American Palladium Limited and Lac Des Iles Mines Ltd. (the transferees) with the right to, amongst other things, erect, maintain and operate the Impala Line. Does Impala have any rights under the existing easements? If so, when did it obtain those rights?
- c) What is the ownership history of the transmission line since construction?
- d) Has there ever been a time when the transmission line was operated or maintained by anyone other than Impala?
- e) To the extent known by Impala, what if any approvals were obtained for the construction of the transmission line in 1996?
- f) What is the current status of the FIPPA request that was submitted on July 2, 2025? Please provide any updates that have been received.

**Staff – 2**

**Ref:** Section C (ii), Page 5, Paragraph 13-15, 20-22

Section G, Page 11, Paragraphs 40-41

Intervenor Evidence, Page 7, Paragraph 11

Intervenor Evidence, Exhibit F

**Preamble:**

Impala has stated that its proposal to the landowner is for a renewal of the Easements in perpetuity as opposed to a temporary renewal of the Easements. Additionally, Impala states that it remains “open to engaging in discussions for a reasonable agreement for an indefinite easement.” Impala also states that a shorter easement is not in the public interest as Impala requires power to the LDI Mine for an indefinite period.

Impala has stated that it is in the process of determining the future of the LDI Mine and has made initial plans for cessation of commercial production of the mine. Despite the closure, Impala notes that “even once closure has begun, electricity service to the LDI Mine will be required to operate environmental and safety features.” Currently, the Impala Line serves these needs.

In an article provided in North Star’s evidence, Impala has announced a planned closure of the mine in 2027.

**Questions:**

- a) Impala has publicly stated that it plans to close the mine in the summer of 2027. Has this timeline been updated? Does Impala plan to continue operating the mine beyond this date?
- b) How long after closure of the mine would electricity be required to maintain and support post-closure activities? Has Impala considered the possibility of a temporary easement that would expire after this time?
- c) Are there alternate sources of power available to support closure operations other than the Impala Line?

**Staff – 3**

**Ref:** Section G, Page 12, Paragraph 43

**Preamble:**

Impala states that, “The Impala Line also has the potential to serve other development in the Thunder Bay District, including mining, renewable energy and hydroelectric power, as well as potentially connecting currently offgrid Indigenous communities. Removing an existing power line with the ability to serve current and future customers is not in the public interest.”

**Questions:**

- a) Is the Impala Line available to be used by entities other than Impala?
- b) Have any other entities made enquiries to Impala about using the Impala Line?