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**BY EMAIL**

January 29, 2026

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

**Re: North Star Forestry Ltd. (North Star)  
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 North Star Forestry Ltd. (North Star) and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

North Star is reminded that its responses to interrogatories are due by **February 12, 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  
North Star Forestry Ltd.  
EB-2025-0286**

**Staff – 1**

**Ref:** Intervenor Evidence Paragraph 15, Page 5

Application, Paragraph 15, Page 5

Application, Appendix 5

**Preamble:**

North Star states at Paragraph 15 of the Intervenor Evidence that, “The initial 25-year term under the Transfers of Easement expired on February 18, 2024. As described in greater detail below, the parties have never mutually consented to renewal.”

At paragraph 15 of the Application, Impala states that, “Wagner has agreed in principle to the terms of such a renewal but has rejected all reasonable offers of compensation.”

In Appendix 5 a copy of the Transfer/Deed of Land is provided for both Easements where the term of the easements are defined as, “the Transferor hereby transfers and conveys in perpetuity to the Transferees, their successors and assigns , for a term of 25 years such term subject to renewal upon mutual consent of both parties, the rights and easement”.

**Questions:**

- a) The terms of the easement define length of time that the easement as “in perpetuity” and “for a term of 25 years”. Please explain why North Star believes that the term of the Easement is applicable for 25 years and not permanently (i.e. in perpetuity)?
- b) Have the parties ever mutually consented to the extinguishment of the Easements?
- c) Did Impala respond to North Star’s letter of September 11, 2025? Have negotiations between North Star and Impala continued subsequent to Impala filing the Application?
- d) The affidavit states that a permanent easement is not necessary. Absent a permanent easement, what term of easement does North Star propose?

**Staff – 2**

**Ref:** Application, Paragraph 43, Page 12

**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 North Star aware of any discussions for the Impala line to be made available to entities other than Impala