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BY EMAIL

February 12, 2026

Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: BFN Transmission GP Holding Company Inc., on behalf of 1000757443
Ontario LP
Application for Expropriation
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Interrogatories
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0314**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the OEB staff interrogatories for the above proceeding. This document has been sent to BFN Transmission GP Holding Company Inc., on behalf of 1000757443 Ontario LP (the Applicant) and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

The Applicant is reminded that its responses to interrogatories are due by **February 26, 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
BFN Transmission GP Holding Company Inc., on behalf of
1000757443 Ontario LP
EB-2025-0314

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Ref: (1) Section 1, Page 2

Preamble:

At Reference 1 the Applicant states that. “In late 2026, Alamos expects to commission its “Shaft Area Complex” (the “Complex”). In order to commission the Complex, the Project must be in service by December 2026.”

Questions:

- a) Please provide a timeline update, including the expected commissioning date of the Complex.
- b) Please clarify when construction on the Project is planned to start in order to meet the December 2026 in-service date.
- c) Please describe how the timing of a Decision in this expropriation case may affect the in-service date. If expropriation is granted how much time would be required to meet the December 2026 in-service date?
- d) If expropriation is not granted, does the Applicant have alternate plans in place to meet the December 2026 in-service date?
- e) Please describe what the effect on the Complex would be if the December 2026 in-service date is not met? Does the Applicant have plans in place to account for this scenario?
- f) Please describe the costs associated with the Project and the Complex if the Project is not in-service by December 2026.

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Ref: (1) Section 1, Pages 2-3

(2) Summary, Section 1e

Preamble:

At Reference 1 the Applicant notes that the Project will “facilitate unlocking one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) of investment by Alamos for the expansion of the Mines with on-going benefits for the Indigenous and other local communities.” Additionally, the Applicant states that the Project will provide economic benefit to BFN by providing employment to members of the Nation.

At Reference 2, the Summary of the Application provided by the Applicant, it is stated that, “The project will result in numerous benefits for the Batchewana First Nation and other indigenous groups in Algoma District through increased investment and employment.”

Questions:

- a) Please provide details of how the Applicant estimated that the project will facilitate unlocking one billion dollars of investment by Alamos?
- b) Does the Applicant have an estimate of the number of jobs expected to be created on account of the Project? If so, please provide:
 - a. The total number of jobs expected to be created on account of the Project
 - b. The estimated number of jobs expected to be created at each phase of the Project and how many would be retained
 - c. The estimated number of long-term jobs to be created
 - d. The job implications to the Mines if this Transmission line becomes operational
- c) Please confirm what the expected lifetime of the Mines are, and how long they will be operational.

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Ref: (1) Section 1, Page 5

Preamble:

At Reference 1, the Applicant states that, “The Mines are undergoing a significant expansion which will result in the third largest gold mine in Canada. While Algoma Power Inc. (“API”) currently provides distribution services to the Mines, its systems do not have incremental growth capacity to service the expansion.”

Questions:

- a) Is API aware of the Project? Has it confirmed that it does not have incremental growth capacity to service the expansion?
- b) Will API continue to provide distribution service to the Mines after the completion of the Project?

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Ref: (1) Section 2, Page 5

(2) Appendix C

Preamble:

At Reference 1 the Applicant notes that the “area of the Easement will be approximately 350 acres, with easement widths for the transmission line corridor ranging between 34, 40 and 60 meters (dictated by span and structure type of the transmission poles), and a length of 45 kilometres; and easement widths for the access routes ranging between 8 and 15 meters.”

Additionally, the Applicant states that, “the Applicant is currently conducting a survey in compliance with section 6 of the Ontario *Surveys Act*, and will in the coming weeks provide the OEB with a formal survey which sets out the metes and bounds descriptions of the Expropriation Lands, including the transmission line corridor and access routes, for the purposes of the expropriation plan to be registered on title to the Shanda Lands, if the OEB grants the requested expropriation authorization.”

Questions:

- a) Please provide further details regarding the standards and criteria used by the Applicant to determine the proposed easement widths for the land parcels listed in Appendix C.
- b) Please describe how the Applicant sought to ensure that it is asking for the minimum amount of land rights necessary to implement the Project?
- c) Please confirm whether easement rights from the intervenor are being sought for the entire length of the transmission line? If not, please clarify what length of the line, in kilometres, is affected by the easements being sought in this application.
- d) Please provide an update on the when the Applicant intends to provide the “formal survey which sets out the metes and bounds descriptions of the Expropriation Lands, including the transmission line corridor and access routes” to the OEB.
- e) For the survey plans that the Applicant intends to provide to the OEB, please detail any potential changes that have been noted from drawings and maps that were previously submitted to the OEB.

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Ref: (1) Section 2, Page 6

Preamble:

The Applicant states at Reference 1 that, “While the Project requires the Applicant to acquire land rights or approvals from Shanda as well as other landowners, the Applicant is only seeking an OEB order authorizing expropriation in respect of the Shanda Lands. All other interests and approvals have been, or will be, obtained on a negotiated commercial basis directly from the relevant third parties.”

Further, the Applicant states that, “Any impact to the Shanda Lands would be remote. The Applicant, including through the EA, has taken great care to minimize the proposed land taking for the transmission line”

Questions:

- a) Please provide an update on whether the Applicant has secured all other land rights that it will require for the Project.
- b) Has the entire Environmental Assessment report, including appendices, been filed by the Applicant? If not, please file the complete Environmental Assessment report including all appendices.

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Ref: (1) Section 1, Page 1

(2) Ontario Energy Board Act, s.23

Preamble:

The Applicant applied for an order granting it the authorization to expropriate certain rights for certain lands pursuant to section 99 of the OEB Act. Reference 2 permits the OEB, when making an order, to “impose such conditions as it considers proper.”

Question:

- a) OEB staff has prepared the following draft Conditions of Approval. If the Applicant does not agree to any of the draft conditions of approval noted below, please identify the specific conditions that the Applicant disagrees with and explain why. For conditions in respect of which the Applicant would like to recommend changes, please provide the proposed changes and an explanation of the changes.

DRAFT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The Applicant shall notify the OEB in writing in the event that, after this Decision and Order has been issued, a negotiated settlement is reached and expropriation is no longer necessary. This notice shall be filed with the OEB within ten days of the settlement.
2. The Applicant shall use all reasonable efforts to provide oral and written notice to the landowners a minimum of 48 hours prior to entry onto the land.
3. Reasonable accommodation shall be made in the Applicant’s schedule for landowner requests/concerns to ensure that transmission facilities’ construction and associated activities do not interfere with landowner operations.
4. The Applicant or its agents will consult with the landowner in advance of entry as to the manner in which existing gates / fences / entryways are to be managed while entering property. In the event the landowner cannot be contacted, the Applicant shall ensure that gates / fences / entryways used by the Applicant’s personnel or its agents are left as found.

5. The landowners and tenants can be present to observe the transmission facilities' construction and associated activities subject to the Applicant's safety policies and procedures and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
6. The Applicant shall keep records of the personnel attending and entering on lands, the time in which entry occurred, and the locations entered.
7. The Applicant shall designate one of its employees as project manager who will be responsible for the fulfillment of these conditions, and shall provide the employee's name and contact information to the OEB and to the landowners and tenants, and shall ensure that this information is clearly posted on the construction site. The project manager will be responsible for the fulfillment of the conditions of approval on the site.
8. The Applicant shall furnish the OEB's designated representative with all reasonable assistance for ascertaining whether the Applicant has complied with these conditions of approval.

The OEB's designated representative for the purpose of these Conditions of Approval shall be the OEB's Manager of Generation and Transmission Applications (or the Manager of any OEB successor department that oversees leave to construct applications).