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Dear Zoë Thoms:

**Re: PUC (Transmission) LP by its general partner PUC (Transmission) GP Inc.
(PUC Transmission) Post-Hearing Filing
OEB File Number: EB-2023-0360**

On August 27, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Decision and Order granting PUC Transmission leave, pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to construct transmission facilities near Sault St. Marie, Ontario (PUC Transmission Project).¹

In your [letter](#) dated February 5, 2026, PUC Transmission advised the OEB of material changes it is making to the PUC Transmission Project, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule B: Standard Conditions of Approval. Specifically, PUC Transmission advised of a two-month change to the in-service date, from the end of Q2 2027 to Q3 2027, and a 19.27% increase in the forecast cost, from \$188.87 million to \$226.14 million.

PUC Transmission also advised the OEB of post-approval changes to the PUC Transmission Project which it described as non-material, specifically changes to the transformer rating, the reactive power compensation configuration and sizing, and the transmission line route.

The commissioner assigned to this matter is Patrick Moran.

¹ EB-2023-0360

Thank you for advising the OEB of the changes to the PUC Transmission Project. Given that construction is already underway, the OEB does not intend to reopen the leave to construct proceeding regarding the changes you have identified.

While the OEB granted PUC Transmission leave to construct the PUC Transmission Project, it has not determined to what extent the costs associated with the project are appropriately recovered from ratepayers. The OEB will consider the prudence of the costs incurred to implement the PUC Transmission Project, including the costs incurred as a result to the changes to the project, and whether those costs should be recovered from ratepayers in PUC Transmission's next rates application. The burden of proof is on PUC Transmission to establish the prudence of the costs incurred.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Case Manager, Katherine Wang at Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Stephanie Pope at Stephanie.Pope@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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