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Ontario Energy Board

TO WHOM IT MAY CONMCERN:

The Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation's Chief and Council supports Wataynikaneyap Power's multi-year rate application (file number EB-2026-0152) requesting approval of its 2027-2031 transmission rates and other charges, effective January 1, 2027.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP's majority owner is First Nation LP, which is a partnership of 24 First Nations that includes the Lac des Mille Lacs 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 keeper engagement and meaningful participation 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.

Sincerely

Chief Whitecloud  
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