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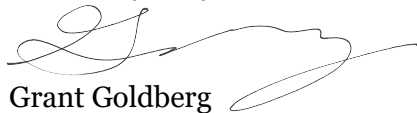
Attention: Mr. Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar

Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: EB-2026-0180: Wataynikaneyap Power LP (“WPLP”)
Application for Approval to Dispose of EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral
Account**

We are legal counsel to WPLP. On August 10, 2026, the OEB issued a Letter of Direction in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. Enclosed please find an Affidavit of Service from Mr. Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. confirming that the requirements set out in the Letter of Direction have been satisfied.

Yours very truly,



Grant Goldberg

Encl.

CC: Ms. Margaret Kenequanash, WPLP
Mr. Duane Fecteau, WPLP
Mr. Jonathan Myers, Torys LLP
Mr. David Outerbridge, Torys LLP

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) (the “Act”);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (“WPLP”) for Approval to Dispose of the EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral Account.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr., of Slate River Valley, in the Township of Oliver Paipoonge, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am an employee of Wataynikaneyap Power PM Inc. (“WPPM”), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Fortis Inc. that performs project management services for WPLP. In my role as Director of Finance with WPPM, I have assisted in the development of WPLP’s application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) and in that capacity have been responsible for overseeing the publication and service of the Notice of Hearing issued by the OEB on August 10, 2026, in proceeding EB-2026-0180 (the “Notice”) and, as such, have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
2. Further to Section 1 of the OEB’s Letter of Direction dated August 10, 2026 (the “Letter”) (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**), I arranged for and confirm that as of August 11, 2026, WPLP has posted copies of the English and French versions of the Notice (copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**), as well as the application and evidence, on WPLP’s website at www.wataypower.ca.
3. Further to Section 2 of the Letter, I confirm that, on August 11, 2026, I served copies of the English and French versions of the Notice, along with a direct link to the application and evidence on the OEB’s website, by electronic mail to each of the intervenors in WPPM’s past proceeding (EB-2021-0134) using the email addresses listed in **Exhibit “C”**. The emails I sent to the intervenors Hydro One Networks Inc./Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. and the Independent Electricity System Operator are attached as **Exhibit “D”** and **Exhibit “E”**, respectively.
4. Further to Section 3 of the Letter, I confirm that, on August 11, 2026, the following two posts were made to WPLP’s LinkedIn and Facebook accounts (WPLP does not have an X/Twitter or Instagram account).
 - (a) “We have applied to the @OntEnergyBoard to dispose of our EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral Account. Learn more. Have your say.”
 - (b) « Nous avons déposé une requête auprès de @OntEnergyBoard afin a présenté une demande de cession d’un compte de report. Soyez mieux renseigné. Donnez votre opinion. »

5. The posts referenced in paragraph 4, above, provide a link to the Notice (**Exhibit “B”**) posted on WPLP’s website in accordance with Section 1 of the Letter. WPLP has tagged @OntarioEnergyBoard on LinkedIn. Screenshots of the posts on LinkedIn and Facebook are attached hereto as **Exhibit “F”**.

AFFIRMED remotely by Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr., stated as being located in the Fort William First Nation, Ontario, before me in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on the 12th day of August 2026, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20: *Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely*.



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
(or as may be)

GRANT GOLDBERG (LSO # 92804M)



WAYNE DOUGLAS SITCH JR.

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. affirmed by Wayne Douglas Sitch Jr. at the Fort William First Nation, in the Province of Ontario, before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on August 12, 2026 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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BY E-MAIL

August 10, 2026

Margaret Kenequanash
Chief Executive Officer
Wataynikaneyap Power
300 Anemki Place, Suite B
Fort William First Nation, ON P7J 1H9
margaret.kenequanash@wataypower.ca

LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Margaret Kenequanash:

**Re: Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Wataynikaneyap Power)
Application for Approval to Dispose of EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral
Account
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2026-0180**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has now issued its Notice of Hearing for Wataynikaneyap Power's application for approval to dispose of EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral Account (Notice). Please note that you must comply with the directions in paragraphs 1 to 3 below **prior to August 17, 2026**. If you are unable to comply with the directions within this timeframe, you must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

You are directed:

1. To post the enclosed Notices, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto on Wataynikaneyap Power's website.
2. To serve a copy of the Notices, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors in Wataynikaneyap Power's past proceeding: EB-2021-0134.

Note: It is acceptable to serve the evidence by e-mail provided the party has stated its preference for the same.

3. To post the following message if Wataynikaneyap Power has an X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, and/or Instagram account:
 - a) "We have applied to the @OntEnergyBoard to dispose of our EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral Account. Learn more. Have your say."
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The post(s) is required to include the short-form description and to provide a link to the Notices as posted on Wataynikaneyap Power's website in accordance with paragraph 1. Please tag @OntEnergyBoard on X and @OntarioEnergyBoard on LinkedIn when posting on these social media platforms. The OEB does not have a Facebook or Instagram account.

4. To provide a copy of the Notices, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.
5. To file with the OEB an affidavit proving completion of the matters in paragraphs 1 through 3 above immediately thereafter (including, for example, courier proof of delivery or other courier tracking record showing delivery date and time, acknowledgment emails / read receipts).

You are further directed not to include any documents or materials when serving the Notices other than documents or materials expressly required by this letter of direction to be served.

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray
Registrar

Enclosed:

- Notices
- Online Ad

c: Duane Fecteau, Wataynikaneyap Power PM Inc.
Jonathan Myers, Torys LLP
David Outerbridge, Torys LLP

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NOTICE OF A HEARING

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It's important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB plans to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2026-0180** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **August 27, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

LEARN MORE

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Il est important d'examiner la demande attentivement afin de déterminer si vous serez concernés par les changements proposés.

À SAVOIR

Il existe trois types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales, les audiences électroniques et les audiences écrites. Le demandeur a demandé une audience écrite et la CEO a l'intention d'y donner suite. Si vous estimez qu'avoir recours à un autre type d'audience serait préférable, vous pouvez écrire à la CEO pour lui présenter vos arguments.

Au cours de cette audience, nous entendrons les questions et les arguments des participants sur cette affaire. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des participants inscrits en tant qu'intervenants. Après l'audience, nous déciderons d'approuver ou non cette demande.

DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

Visitez le site www.oeb.ca/fr/demandes et utilisez le numéro de dossier

EB-2026-0180 pour :

- examiner la demande;
- envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires;
- présenter une demande pour devenir intervenant.

DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **27 août 2026** pour :

- fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
- présenter une demande en vue de devenir un intervenant.

À défaut de cela, l'audience se déroulera sans vous et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente procédure.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Si vous êtes une entreprise ou si vous présentez une demande pour devenir intervenant, tous les renseignements que vous déposez seront disponibles sur le site Web de la CEO.

EN SAVOIR PLUS

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GRANT GOLDBERG (LSO # 92804M)

Organization	Email Address
Independent Electricity System Operator	regulatoryaffairs@ieso.ca
Hydro One Networks Inc.	regulatory@hydroone.com
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	regulatory@hydroone.com

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GRANT GOLDBERG (LSO # 92804M)

From: Sitch, Doug <Doug.Sitch@wataypower.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 8:42 AM
To: 'regulatory@hydroone.com'
Cc: Jonathan Myers
Subject: Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) Application for Approval to Dispose of EPC COVID-Related Costs Deferral Account (EB-2026-0180) - Notice of Hearing
Attachments: Notice_WPLP_EPC COVID Disposition_20260810_ENG.pdf; Notice_WPLP_EPC COVID Disposition_20260810_FR.pdf

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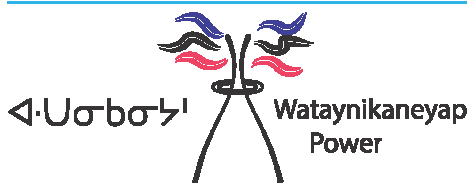
Pursuant to the Letter of Direction issued by the Ontario Energy Board on August 10, 2026, please find attached the Notice of Hearing (in English and French). WPLP's application and evidence in EB-2026-0180 may be accessed at: [Content Manager WebDrawer - Search Results](#)

Please acknowledge receipt on behalf of the following companies by replying to this email.

- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

Regards,

W. Douglas Sitch CPA, CA (he/him)
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Director of Finance
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C: 807-627-8589
Doug.Sitch@wataypower.ca



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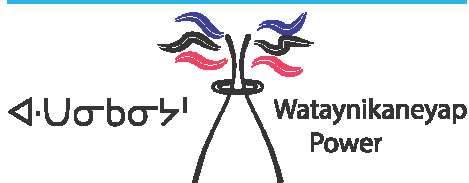
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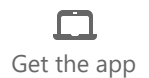


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Electric Utility Provider



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