

Appendix F: First Nations and Métis Correspondence

August 28, 2013

Dear ,

We are thrilled and honoured to have been designated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to develop the East-West Tie (EWT) Line transmission project. As you may know, NextBridge Infrastructure is a partnership of NextEra Energy Canada, Inc., Enbridge Inc. and Borealis Infrastructure. Last fall, we sent information about our proposal to your community and others as part of our outreach and planning process. Feedback we received allowed us to put forward a comprehensive application to the OEB. Many people's comments reinforced our policy and plan to reach out and engage with Aboriginal communities very early on in our work.

Since designation, we have been working to mobilize our team and refresh our project plans. One of our near-term actions is to submit an updated schedule to the OEB, which reflects the actual designation date. This schedule will also outline, at a high-level, our planned engagement and consultation activities. We expect to further develop a detailed engagement plan with your support over the next few weeks, and will reach out to you soon to seek your input. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments please let me or Brian know.

We look forward to working with you to make the EWT Line project a success.

Sincerely,



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Brian Hay
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October 4th, 2013

Dear [],

As described in our letter of August 28, 2013, NextBridge Infrastructure was designated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to develop and build the East West Tie Transmission line between Wawa and Thunder Bay, Ontario. Current plans are for the line to be developed over the next two years, with a Leave to Construct Application being filed with the Ontario Energy Board in January 2015.

As a very important part of the project, we want to engage with your community to the extent that you and your community members have an interest in what we are doing. The line will bring more stable and dependable electricity to the Robinson Superior Treaty region.

Your knowledge of the region and of the land could be a very valuable part of the environmental assessment that will be undertaken. We want to ensure the impact of the construction and operation of the line meets acceptable standards as well as the requirements of the law and regulations. We also want to ensure that the traditions and heritage of your people are recognized and respected.

So within the next few weeks, representatives of NextBridge, both professional consultants and our staff, will be contacting you directly to arrange meeting with you, the Council and your staff. They will be prepared to explain the transmission project in detail, answer questions and seek your views on the proposed line, as well as outline how members of your community could be employed in various aspects of the project work.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please send them to either me or Brian at brian.hay@nextbridge.ca or call him at 647-789-5658.

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NextBridge Infrastructure



Brian Hay
Lead, Aboriginal Relations
NextBridge Infrastructure

November 11th, 2013

[Address]

RE: Proposed NextBridge Infrastructure New East West Tie Transmission Project

Dear [],

As we explained in our previous two letters, a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission electric power transmission line is being developed to maintain a reliable, long-term supply of electricity in northwestern Ontario. To avoid potentially new sensitive features, the line is generally anticipated to parallel the existing East West Tie between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario,

NextBridge Infrastructure (NextBridge), a partnership between NextEra Energy Canada, Enbridge Inc., and Borealis Infrastructure, is beginning a discussion of the 'terms of reference consultation' for an Environmental Assessment for this new 400 kilometre line.

The enclosed notice and newsletter provide additional information about the project. We ask that you review this information, visit the project web site at www.nextbridge.ca, and consider attending one of our upcoming 'open houses' to get more information directly about the project. Information about the 'open houses' is included in the attached newsletter and notice.

We are committed to engaging communities and their members throughout the process. Recently, you should have received a letter from well-known consultants, mPower Associates, who are working with us. The letter invites you to meet with them in your community to discuss the proposed project in greater detail.

In the next few weeks senior NextBridge people will ask to visit with you to begin to engage directly with you and begin procedural consultation about the project. Working with you, we want to put in place a solid process which respects your community's protocols, interests and needs.

We Do Want to Hear From Your Community

Your input is important to us. We invite you to contact us at any time if you have comments, questions, want further information, or have information that would be helpful for project planning. Please call our toll-free phone line at 1-888-767-3006 or email info@nextbridge.ca and leave your contact information.

Sincerely,



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Brian Hay
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Si vous désirez ces informations en français, s'il vous plaît contactez René C. Viau à 647-700-3028 ou renev@standardland.com.

January 13th, 2014

RE: Proposed NextBridge Infrastructure East-West Tie Transmission Project – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review

Dear []

NextBridge Infrastructure (NextBridge) is pleased to provide a draft of the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. ***This draft Terms of Reference provides information on the work that will be undertaken to confirm a preferred route and study potential effects of the proposed East-West Tie.*** Input received will be considered for inclusion in the final Terms of Reference document which will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for formal review. The formal review process will include another opportunity for you and your community to review the final Terms of Reference.

As a refresher of our project from our previous letters sent to your community, the proposed new East-West Tie is a new high voltage electric power transmission line, anticipated to generally parallel the existing 230 kilovolt transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario with possible alternatives and minor local refinements to avoid potentially sensitive features. The proposed new 400 kilometre, double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line is needed to maintain a reliable, long-term supply of electricity in northwestern Ontario.

Along with this written letter and printed copy, the draft Terms of Reference is available for review on the project web site at www.nextbridge.ca. **Please provide your thoughts and comments by February 10, 2014.** *Comments can be submitted by mail or email to info@nextbridge.ca, or to Jennifer Tidmarsh, Project Director of Community Engagement Jennifer.Tidmarsh@nexteraenergy.com.*

We would like to thank you for your continued interest in this project. We are committed to meet with you and your community at regular intervals over the course of project development to receive your input, as well as engage with you in consultation activities tailored to your community and developed with your input.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you require further information regarding this project, please call our toll-free phone line at 1-888-767-3006 or email info@nextbridge.ca and leave your contact information or visit our project web site at www.nextbridge.ca.

Sincerely,



Cindy Tindell, Director
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