

January 9, 2012

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Attention: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Re: EB-2011-0140 -- East-West Tie Designation Process Information Request**

Thank you for your December 22, 2011 letter in which you request a description of the protocols that Great Lakes Power Transmission L.P. ("GLPT") has developed, or proposes to develop, to manage certain information related to the East-West Tie. The letter was directed to me in my capacity as GLPT's Manager of Transmission System Planning, responsible for new customer connections.

At the outset, I can confirm GLPT's commitment to a consistent and fair transmission designation process for all transmitters that are submitting designation applications (the "Designation Participants"). To prevent any Designation Participant from gaining an unfair advantage in the designation process through GLPT's role as an incumbent transmitter, GLPT has established various protocols, described below, to manage the information GLPT has with respect to its existing transmission system and the existing East-West Tie.

By way of background, GLPT has designated me as the individual at GLPT who will receive and respond to any enquiries that GLPT receives from any Designation Participant about the East-West Tie, or about the operation or reliability relationships between the East-West Tie and GLPT's transmission system. I am not now and have not previously been one of the GLPT members on EWT LP's designation team (the "EWT Designation Team"). In addition, I will not have any participation in the preparation of EWT LP's designation application.

The EWT Designation Team and I have been separately directed that all enquiries or information requests that GLPT might receive from any Designation Participant regarding GLPT's existing transmission assets, and the work associated with them, must be dealt with in a consistent and fair way, regardless of whether the Designation Participant is EWT LP or another party. To date, GLPT has not received any such enquiry or request. I understand that this consistent treatment supports the Board's position that no Designation Participant should have an unfair advantage over other Designation Participants in the designation process.

To achieve the consistent and fair treatment of all Designation Participants, GLPT has established non-discriminatory protocols that govern the receipt and disclosure of information relevant to the East-West Tie. In particular, I have been instructed that I cannot share with the EWT Designation Team or any Designation Participant, and must keep confidential, any enquiries or information requests I receive in connection with the East-West Tie designation process or a Designation Participant's proposed project. Furthermore, I cannot share with the EWT Designation Team or any Designation Participant, and must keep confidential, any responses that I provide to those enquiries or information requests.

In addition, GLPT has established protocols to restrict the flow of any information relevant to the East-West Tie designation process between EWT LP and me. In particular, since the commencement of the East-West Tie designation process, (i) I have not participated in any EWT Designation Team meetings, nor in any other meetings or discussions with a Designation Participant participating in the East-West Tie designation process; (ii) the EWT Designation Team has not sent me any documents or correspondence, including emails, relating to the development of the East-West Tie by EWT LP; and (iii) the EWT Designation Team has not sought my technical advice on any matters relating to the East-West Tie designation process. The implementation of these protocols has effectively prevented me and those who report to me from obtaining any information about EWT's participation in the East West Tie designation process.

Of course, going forward, I understand that the Designation Participants, including EWT LP, may seek clarifications from me regarding the East-West Tie development and the operations and reliability relationships with the GLPT transmission system. I will respond to all requests impartially regardless of whether they are from EWT LP or another Designation Participant. In anticipation of such enquiries and information requests from Designation Participants, and in addition to the confidential protocols described above, GLPT is in the process of implementing an information management system, to which only I and those reporting directly to me will have access, to store any enquiries and information requests from Designated Participants and the corresponding responses. Likewise, I understand that any information related to EWT LP that is in the possession of the Designation Team and is related to EWT LP's plan for the East-West Tie development will be stored in an information management system to which I do not have access.

I wish to convey that GLPT is open to having the Board act as a transparent clearing house for any enquiries and information requests about the East-West Tie made by Designation Participants to GLPT. In this role, the Board could be the interface between the Designation Participant and GLPT and establish clear directions on the nature of information that may be requested, the process for requesting that information, and the process for disclosing that information to one, some or all of the Designation Participants. In any event, GLPT, through me, will continue to consider and respond to all enquiries and information requests made by Designation Participants in accordance with the protocols described above and any relevant Board instructions.

We trust that this response is satisfactory. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary", followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that extends to the right.

Gary Gazankas  
Manager of Transmission System Planning  
Great Lakes Power Transmission L.P.