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VIA EMAIL and Courier

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (EB-2011-0140)
Transmitter Designation for the East-West Tie Line**

The Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") is in receipt of the Board's Procedural Order No. 5, dated January 8, 2013 by which the Board determined a process and schedule for written interrogatories.

The OPA is writing to file its interrogatories (attached) for the Board's consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Marconi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Marconi
Manager, Regulatory Proceedings

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IN THE MATTER OF sections 70 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, S.O.1998, c.15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Board-initiated proceeding to designate an electricity transmitter to undertake development work for a new electricity transmission line between Northeast and Northwest Ontario: the East-West Tie Line.

INTERROGATORIES OF THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY (“OPA”)

January 30, 2013

Schedule / In-service date

Reference: Filing Requirement Section 7 - Schedule

1. Please comment on how your proposed schedule for line development and line construction balances speed, feasibility, practicality and cost.
2. Please comment on why the strategy you have employed to mitigate the risks identified for your line development and line construction schedule will be the most effective in your view.
3. Please identify the actions you would take should any of the moderate and major risks identified for your line development and line construction schedule in fact materialize. What efforts would you take to maintain the expected in-service date and what impact would this have on your estimated project costs?

Costs

Reference: Filing Requirements Section 8 – Costs

4. What are some of the opportunities to further reduce your costs in the development phase of the East-West Tie Project should you be selected as the designated transmitter?
5. What incentive mechanisms might encourage you to achieve an earlier in-service date or lower overall costs?

Proposed Design

Reference: Filing Requirements Section 6 – Proposed Design

6. Please comment on whether your proposed design has been utilized successfully in terrain and weather conditions similar to that of Northern Ontario. If not, please comment on the potential risks of your proposed design with respect to its use in Northern Ontario.
7. Please describe why your proposed design is the most suitable choice for the East-West Tie.
8. What impacts might any risks associated with your proposed design have on your estimated total development costs?