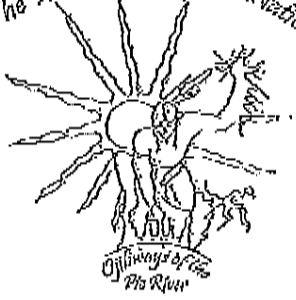


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February 8th, 2016

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Re: **East West Tie Project, RFP Terms of Reference**

Dear Ms. Tidmarsh,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the terms of reference for the general contract for the East West Tie project. Despite several requests for the complete RFP, NextBridge has refused to forward to us all of the documents related to the RFP, and we are unable to provide our comments with respect to this document. By way of this letter, I am once again requesting all the information related to the RFP NextBridge intends on releasing to interested general contractors.

I would also like to formally reiterate the position of the Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, on whose territory the proposed project will traverse. It is our position that any general contractor must have a joint venture that encompasses our rights of participation in the project as referred to by the Minister in his letter of March 29, 2011. Without a commitment from Ontario's ratepayers regarding our participation in this project, the Biigtigong Nishnaabeg will not provide consent to locate this project in our territory.

Throughout this process, we have engaged Ontario's designated transmitter, NextBridge, in a clear dialogue expressing how we want our participation formalized. I urge NextBridge to begin to acknowledge our interest in this project by disclosing all information we require to actively participate. Only after we have received the draft RFP documents will we be able to consult and provide our informed feedback.

I look forward to receiving this information.

Yours Truly,

Byron LeClair
Director of Energy Project Development

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