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Ontario Energy Board Registrar 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 **VIA EMAIL:** registrar@oeb.ca

Attention: OEB Registrar

RE: Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2002-0387 (Attawapiskat First Nation)

Dear Registrar of the Ontario Energy Board (**OEB**):

Attawapiskat First Nation owns certain electricity distribution system assets located at Attawapiskat Reserve No. 91A. In connection with its ownership of the assets, the Nation holds Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2002-0387 (**Licence**). The Licence was initially set to expire on May 31, 2024, but was extended by the OEB to November 30, 2024, pursuant to Decision and Order No. EB-2024-0165 dated May 28, 2024. The licence was further extended by the OEB to May 31, 2025, pursuant to Decision and Order No. EB-2024-0242 dated October 17, 2024.

The distribution system is operated by Attawapiskat Power Corporation (**APC**), a wholly owned subsidiary of Attawapiskat First Nation. In connection with operation of such assets, APC holds Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2001-0090.

Attawapiskat First Nation is seeking to transfer legal ownership of the electricity distribution system assets to APC to streamline ownership/operation and associated regulatory matters. The parties are making progress towards finalizing the transaction, but it is unlikely that the arrangement will be settled in time for the parties to apply for and obtain OEB approval under section 86(1)(a) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, such that the transaction can be completed before Attawapiskat First Nation's Licence expires on May 31, 2025.

We understand that a further extension to the Licence may be available and that the OEB typically considers requests for licence extensions of up to six months. Accordingly, by this letter we herby request that the expiry date of Attawapiskat First Nation's Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2002-0387 be extended by six months to November 30, 2025.

Attawapiskat First Nation and APC will coordinate to obtain all necessary approvals in connection with the transaction and we expect to be in contact with OEB to discuss filing requirements for a section 86(1)(a) application in due course.

Please let us know if you require any further information in support of this application to extend the expiry date of Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2002-0387 to November 30, 2025. Otherwise, we look forward to receiving a response at your earliest convenience.

Kindy direct your response to our legal counsel at <a href="mailto:clemke@woodwardandcompany.com">clemke@woodwardandcompany.com</a> and <a href="mailto:kkempton@woodwardandcompany.com">kkempton@woodwardandcompany.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Attawapiskat First Nation (by its authorized signatory):

Per:

Tricia Isaac, CEO

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- Chief Sylvia Koostachin-Metatawabin (Attawapiskat First Nation)
- Deputy Chief Jack Linklater Jr. (Attawapiskat First Nation)
- Benjamin Rose (Director of Housing, Attawapiskat First Nation)
- Caolan Lemke and Kate Kempton (Woodward & Co. Lawyers LLP)