

December 5, 2016

RE: Proposed NextBridge Infrastructure East-West Tie Transmission Project – Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Report and Project Updates

Dear Neighbour,

NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) to construct a new, approximately 446-kilometre double-circuit 230-kilovolt transmission line connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS in the Municipality of Shuniah near Thunder Bay, with a connection at the Marathon TS. In accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToR) approved by the Minister of Environment on August 28, 2014, NextBridge has submitted the Draft EA Report to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

Commencing December 19, 2016, the Draft EA Report will be available for review and comment on the Project website (www.NextBridge.ca) and at locations listed in the Notice included with this letter. As part of the submission process, interested community members, elected officials and municipal staff, agencies, property owners, interest holders, other stakeholders, and First Nations and Métis communities are encouraged to review the Draft EA Report and submit comments to NextBridge by February 28, 2017.

Additional information regarding the Draft EA Report and comment submissions can be found in the Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment document included with this letter.

Here are some other Project updates I would like to share with you:

New Project Director

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I, Jennifer Tidmarsh, have taken on the position of NextBridge's Project Director for the East-West Tie Transmission Project on an interim basis, effective immediately. Previously, I worked on the Project as Team Lead, Indigenous Relations, since 2013, and am looking forward to continuing working with you.

Fourth Round of Open Houses

A fourth round of Open Houses is anticipated to be held in the first quarter of 2017. NextBridge appreciates the time you may have taken to participate in our past Open House events, and we will notify you when new Open House dates and venues have been determined.

Loon Lake Local Route Refinement

In response to the feedback received during consultation with Loon Lake Community members, the Damphino Fishing Club, and the North Shore Fishing Club, NextBridge conducted routing assessments on proposed route alternatives brought forward by these groups. After exploring the suggested route alternatives, NextBridge made refinements to one of the community-proposed routes, and this new Local Route Refinement addresses many of the issues brought forward during the development of the Project. After careful consideration and review, NextBridge has incorporated this Local Route Refinement into our Project planning and Environmental Assessment, and we are no longer considering the previous route proposal which generally paralleled the existing East-West Tie near Loon Lake.

Your input is appreciated, and we plan to keep you informed as we continue to develop the Project. If you have any questions or comments, or if you require further information, please call our toll-free phone line at 1-888-767-3006, email info@nextbridge.ca and leave your contact information, or visit our web site at www.NextBridge.ca.

Sincerely,



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NextBridge Infrastructure

Si vous désirez ces informations en français, s'il vous plaît contactez NextBridge au 1-888-767-3006 ou info@nextbridge.ca.