

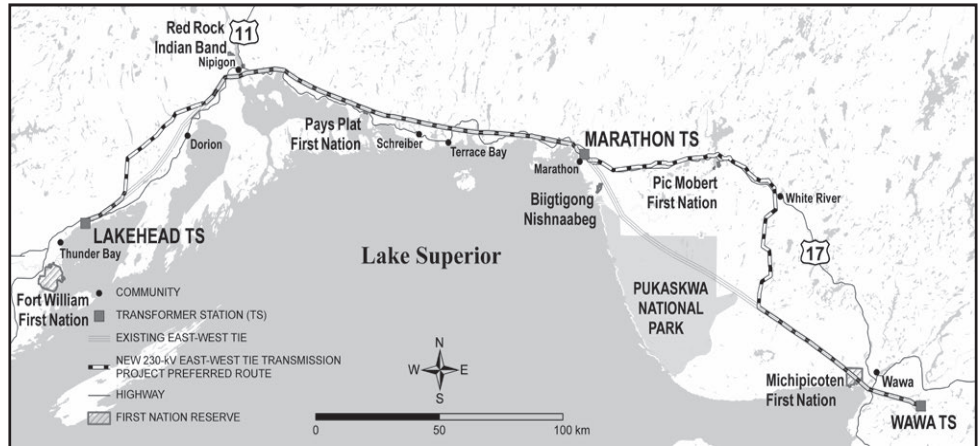
Notice of Submission of the Amended Environmental Assessment Report NextBridge Infrastructure – East-West Tie Transmission Project

NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) has amended the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) for the East-West Tie Transmission Project. The final EA Report was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for its review in July 2017, as required under section 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on August 28, 2014. The final EA Report has now been amended as per Subsection 6.2(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, based on feedback received during the review period. The amended EA Report will be submitted to the MOECC for review in February 2018.

The Project

The proposed East-West Tie Line Transmission Project (the Project) is an approximately 450-kilometre double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) 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. The Project generally parallels an existing double-circuit 230-kV transmission line corridor (the existing East-West Tie), but avoids some sensitive features crossed by the existing line, including Pukaskwa National Park. The preferred route is depicted on the map.

The Project is required to ensure the long-term reliability of the electricity supply in northwestern Ontario (the Northwest). Industrial activities in the Northwest, particularly in the mining sector, are expected to drive electricity demand growth in the coming decades. Based on this growth, coupled with changes to the electricity supply in the area, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified a need for new electricity supply to the Northwest. The IESO analyzed alternatives and recommended expansion of the existing East-West Tie based on technical, economic and other considerations.



Environmental Assessment Review Process

NextBridge is committed to consulting with interested stakeholders, members of the public and Indigenous communities to receive feedback on the proposed Project during the entire EA process. NextBridge has amended the EA Report to address feedback received during the final EA Report review and comment period from the provincial government review team, Indigenous communities and interested stakeholders. The amended EA Report will be made available for public review and comment from February 16 to March 29, 2018. Key milestones in the EA process are outlined in the table below.

Key Milestones in the Environmental Assessment Process

Milestone	Timeline
Terms of Reference for the EA approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change	August 2014
Draft EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	December 2016 to March 2017
Final EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	July 2017 to September 2017
Amended EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	February 16 to March 29, 2018

The amended EA Report will be available for review on the NextBridge website at www.NextBridge.ca. The amended EA Report will also be made available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

Municipal Offices

- Township of Dorion – 170 Dorion Loop Rd., Dorion
- Township of Nipigon – 52 Front St., Nipigon
- Town of Marathon – 4 Hemlo Dr., Marathon
- Township of Red Rock – 42 Salls St., Red Rock
- Township of Schreiber – 204 Alberta St., Schreiber
- Municipality of Shuniah – 420 Leslie Ave., Thunder Bay
- Township of Terrace Bay – 1 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
- City of Thunder Bay – 500 Donald St. E., Thunder Bay
- Municipality of Wawa – 40 Broadway Ave., Wawa
- Township of White River – 102 Durham St., White River

MOECC Offices

- Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch – 135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
- Thunder Bay District Office – 435 James St. S., Suite 331, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7

Public Libraries

- Brodie Resource Library (TBPL), 216 Brodie St. S., Thunder Bay
- County Park Branch (TBPL), 1020 Dawson Rd., Thunder Bay
- Dorion Public Library, 170 Dorion Loop Rd., Dorion
- Nipigon Public Library, 52 Front St., Nipigon
- Red Rock Public Library, 42 Salls St., Red Rock
- Schreiber Public Library, 314 Scotia St., Schreiber
- Terrace Bay Public Library, 13 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
- Marathon Public Library, 22 Peninsula Rd., Marathon
- Wawa Public Library, 40 Broadway Ave., Wawa
- White River Public Library, 123 Superior St., White River

In addition, USB devices (i.e. memory sticks) of the entire amended EA Report will be available to take during normal business hours at the locations listed above. If you would like a hard copy of the amended EA Report, please contact NextBridge at info@nextbridge.ca or 1-888-767-3006.

All personal information in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MOECC for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the MOECC's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

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Submitting Your Comments

Comments on the amended EA Report must be submitted in writing and/or by fax to the MOECC Project Officer by **March 29, 2018**:

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