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Dear Board Members:

We are submitting this letter to voice our concern about the important decision you will be addressing. We feel that your decision will have a very large impact on the lives and the economic outlook for people of Northwestern Ontario. We have been made aware of the Board meeting on Feb. 8/08 at a recent meeting with Ontario Power Generation. We understand that you will be deciding the cost of enabling lines and whether it be project or rate payer borne.

As potential Partners with OPG on the Little Jackfish River Project we were made aware of the fact that if the LITTLE JACKFISH RIVER project would have to bear the cost of the enabling lines this project would not come to fruition.

We in NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO feel that the province needs to address this infrastructure inadequacy in its quest for renewable energy.

At present there are many Renewable Energy projects being studied in our area. The LITTLE JACKFISH RIVER on the north end of Lake Nipigon. The Namewaminikan River Project on the east side of LAKE NIPIGON, along with the First Nation community of Rocky Bay is completing a feasibility study of a wind farm, located on the east side of LAKE NIPIGON.

Vortex wind energy from Ireland has presented its interest in a wind farm on the east side of LAKE NIPIGON. There is another expression of interest for another wind farm close in proximity to the Vortex site. Renewable Energy Systems have proven a feasibility study and an interest to construct a 200m/w wind farm near Dorion, Ontario.

Near the community of Shuniah a wind farm will become a reality soon.

The communities of Nipigon and Lake Helen First Nation are both looking to Wind Farms as a possibility to diversify their economies while providing needed jobs. Lake Helen is looking at the possibility of a biomass co-gen plant. In our immediate area of approximately 150 km radius there stands to be an investment of approximately 2 billion dollars. All of these initiatives rely on transmission and an investment by the province.

As you may be aware NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO is heavily reliant on the forest industry and as you are probably aware the industry at present is not healthy. We as residents of NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO feel this industry will bounce back as new expressions of interest are coming forth regularly on the idle mills of NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO. While the forest industry is in a bit of turmoil, the mining industry in NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO is booming with an announcement for mines soon to come. These announcements will definitely not happen if there is not an investment in our provincial infrastructure.

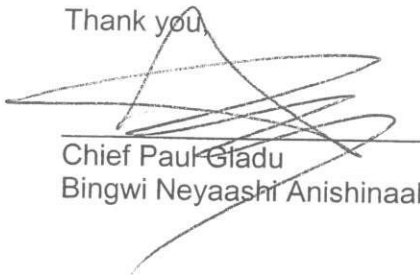
We in NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO live in abundance of Natural Resources and many opportunities to assist the province in its quest for renewable green energy.

Please do not eliminate us from the provincial quest and make the decision that enabling lines be a cost to the rate payer.

We as one FIRST NATION community along with 5 other FIRST NATION communities are looking to the future of being active partners in the development of energy with OPG and the LITTLE JACKFISH RIVER project. As other opportunities present themselves, we would like to pursue them as well but these opportunities are in your hands.

We know that you, the Ontario Energy Board have to keep the Province of Ontario's best interest at heart, but please remember Northwestern Ontario is part of the Province and require the much needed infrastructure investment.

Thank you,



Chief Paul Gladu
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek

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NOTE:

The words "from our Band Funds" "capital" or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

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DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

- WHEREAS:** Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek requests the Province of Ontario to invest in ADDITIONAL TRANSMISSION LINES in Northwestern Ontario to ENABLE and accommodate the potential investment in renewable energy development; and accommodate the potential investment in RENEWABLE energy development; and
- WHEREAS:** Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek realizes the potential investment in our area that would create the needed employment opportunities for its citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek realizes that Renewable Energy Projects will add to the diversification of it's forestry based economy and that this new and emerging potential growth will benefit the region of Northwestern Ontario; and
- WHEREAS:** Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek realizes the Provincial mandate for clean renewable energy to reduce our green house gas emissions, and that the proposed wind energy farms along with the proposed hydro-electric generating stations and solar energy will assist the Province in its mandate, and
- WHEREAS:** Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek realizes the infrastructure pertaining to Hydro Transmission in Northwestern Ontario is inadequate to supply the growing energy needs of Southern Ontario, and that because of this inadequacy we are not able to be part of the energy solution for the Province of Ontario

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT: Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek request the PROVINCE OF ONTARIO invest in its infrastructure of the enabling lines and transmissions so that these energy projects will be realized.

Quorum <u>2</u>	 Chief Paul Gladu	
	 Councillor Leona Clarke	 Councillor Laura Airns

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