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Dear Members;

We are writing in support of the Red Rock Indian Band, Lake Helen Reserve in the matter of the cost of enabler transmission lines, project borne or rate payer borne.

Clearly, if the costs of these lines, required to getting the power to market, is to be borne by the projects there will be no projects. It is estimated that potentially 630,000 MW of wind power and more than 7,500 MW of new hydro power is "stranded" in Northern Ontario waiting for a means to get it to the grid. Many First Nations Communities that inhabit this vast area view the development of power, both wind and hydro, as an economic development opportunity that for them is long overdue.

In the recent NOMA submission regarding the Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP), they pointed out that 44.6 % of active mining claims in Ontario are in Northwestern Ontario, an estimated 150,000 active claims. That activity will result in new mines, new jobs, and new opportunities for forest based communities devastated by the forest industry downturn. But that opportunity will need new power. Abundant, reasonably priced power will drive the development of industry. Northwestern Ontario can develop that power, and attract those industries, and bring a measure of prosperity and stability back to the region.

We urge you to please consider the importance of enabler lines to this region, and the impact on the regions future development if the cost is to be project borne.

Yours truly,



Tom Wilson  
Chair/Coordinator