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RE: Greenstone Transmission Line – ERO Posting (025-0660)

Dear Julia,

On behalf of Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek, I am writing in support of the proposed **Greenstone Transmission Line** and to provide formal comments in response to the current posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO).

As a partner in the Indigenous–Hydro One consortium, our Nation is proud to play a leadership role in advancing this critical infrastructure project. The Greenstone Transmission Line presents a unique opportunity to enhance electricity transmission in Northern Ontario, foster clean energy development, and deliver long-term economic and social benefits for our communities and the province as a whole.

We commend the Government of Ontario for advancing this initiative and for recognizing the importance of Indigenous equity ownership, technical partnership, and shared prosperity in the development of new transmission infrastructure. Through our 50-50 equity model with Hydro One, we are demonstrating how reconciliation and infrastructure development can move forward together, grounded in environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, and respect for Indigenous rights and homelands.

However, we would like to raise a key concern regarding the current ERO posting. As drafted, the notice introduces ambiguity regarding the northern termination point of the proposed line. This lack of clarity does not align with prior commitments made to the Aroland First Nation through the Shared Prosperity Agreement (SPA) or the route alignment proposed under the Green Reinforcement Supply Plan (Route Option A).

To maintain our support for the timely advancement of this project, we respectfully request that the final designation explicitly confirm the northern termination point to be in proximity to Aroland First Nation, approximately 60 kilometres north of Greenstone. This route was agreed upon in good faith and is essential to the integrity of the SPA, as well as the alignment already under study by the IESO.

We acknowledge that the ERO posting references future consultation and system planning; however, we believe this issue requires resolution **before designation** to ensure continued alignment and community support. A firm and transparent commitment to Route Option A will avoid delays and provide clarity to all parties involved.

Our Nation remains committed to working constructively with the Ministry of Energy, the IESO, and Hydro One to deliver a transmission solution that is safe, efficient, and grounded in community partnership. We are available



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to meet at your earliest convenience to help resolve this matter, and Hydro One is ready to provide the necessary technical details to support the Ministry's decision-making process.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the public comment period. We look forward to Ontario's leadership in upholding its commitments to Indigenous partners and formally designating the Greenstone Transmission Line in a manner that reflects the shared vision we have developed together.

Sincerely,

Chief Paul Gladu
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek