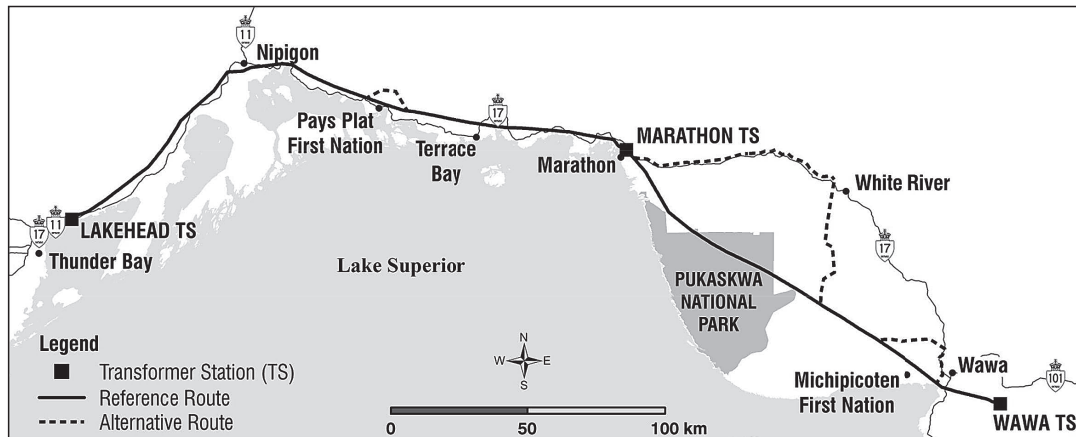


Notice of Submission of the Terms of Reference New East-West Tie Transmission Project NextBridge Infrastructure

NextBridge Infrastructure (NextBridge) – a partnership between NextEra Energy Canada, Enbridge Inc., and Borealis Infrastructure – has prepared a Terms of Reference for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the new East-West Tie Transmission Project. NextBridge is submitting the Terms of Reference to the Ministry of the Environment as required by the *Environmental Assessment Act*. As part of the submission process, the public, landowners, other stakeholders and First Nations and Métis are encouraged to review the Terms of Reference and submit comments to the Ministry of the Environment.

NextBridge proposes to construct approximately 400 km of new transmission line. The Project will consist of a double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line generally paralleling the existing double-circuit 230 kV transmission corridor connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS near Thunder Bay. Alternative Routes have been identified around federal lands, including two First Nation reserves and Pukaskwa National Park. The Project will also require new and improved access roads and temporary laydown and work areas. The targeted in-service date is the first half of 2018.



Project Rationale

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA), the provincial agency responsible for long-term electricity planning, identified the expansion of the transmission system between Wawa and Thunder Bay in order to maintain a reliable, long-term supply of electricity to northwestern Ontario. The East-West Tie was recommended based on forecasted electricity demand and changes to the electricity supply in the area, as well as technical, economic, and other considerations. The East-West Tie was included as a priority project in the Government of Ontario's 2010 Long Term Energy Plan. The target in-service date is the first half of 2018.

The Environmental Assessment Process

The first step in the Environmental Assessment process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR outlines the work plan NextBridge will follow to address the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved by the Minister of the Environment, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

Terms of Reference Review

The proposed ToR will be available for review beginning February 28, 2014 for a period of 31 days.

The ToR may be accessed on the Project web site at www.nextbridge.ca, and hard copies will be available for review at the following locations in communities throughout the study area:

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

Ministry of the Environment Offices

Environmental Approvals Branch – 2 St. Clair Ave. W., Floor 12A, Toronto
Thunder Bay District Office – 435 James St. S., Suite 331, Thunder Bay

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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

Proponent's Office

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Submitting Your Comments

Written comments about the Terms of Reference must be submitted by March 31, 2014 to the Ministry of the Environment:

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Comments submitted to the Ministry of the Environment will be forwarded to NextBridge.

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