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Dear Grand Chief Simon:

Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie
Permit Application for the Quebec-New Hampshire Interconnection
Pursuant to section 58.11 of the *National Energy Board Act* (Permit Project)
Application to amend the definition of the 450 kV Interconnection
Quebec-New England in Certificate EC-III-021 (Variance Application)

The National Energy Board (NEB or Board) is a federal regulator that regulates pipelines and electrical transmission lines across Canada, specifically lines that cross provincial boundaries and the border into the United States. The Board is contacting you since your community may be impacted by the applications noted above.

Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie (HQT) has applied to the Board to build a direct-current transmission line approximately 79.2 km long between Des Cantons substation and the Quebec-New Hampshire border, and has requested a permit pursuant to section 58.11 of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act). HQT has also applied to modify the existing Interconnection Quebec-New Hampshire international power line contingent on the Permit Project. Attached to this letter you will find a summary of the Permit Project and Variance Application, a Project map, and HQT's contact information.

As required by subsection 58.12(1) of the NEB Act, HQT published notification of the application, including notification of the required comment period in accordance with the Board's [Update of Electricity Memorandum of Guidance](#) dated 7 February 2003. The comment period ended 23 January 2017. During this comment period, the public could file comments regarding subsection 58.14(2).

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The NEB received 11 letters of comment during the comment period. In accordance with the timeline set out in the Board's Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie responded to the comments on 7 February 2017. The application is currently under assessment by the Board. The Board notes that the Project is also being assessed provincially by the Ministère du Développement durable, Environnement et Lutte contre les changements climatiques, and that the Bureau d'audiences publiques delivered a report to the Minister on 9 February 2017.

On 10 July 2017, the Board asked an information request (IR) to HQT to confirm whether the Aboriginal groups identified as having known or asserted traditional territory in the Permit Project were provided with the notice of the Permit Project and how HQT has addressed or will address any concerns raised to the extent possible. HQT responded that the identified groups were not provided notification as the Project area encompasses no territory covered by any comprehensive or specific Aboriginal land claim.

Therefore, the Board is sending this notice of the Permit Project and Variance Application, and will extend the deadline to receive comments on it until **noon, 27 October 2017**. A letter of comment should include the following:

- Reference to File OF-Fac-IPL-H141-2016-01 01 and File OF-Fac-IPL-H141-2017-01 01;
- Your name, mailing address, phone number, and name of the person or group that you represent;
- Comments and concerns about the impacts and effects of the Permit Project and Variance Application, including potential mitigation measures; and
- Any documentation and/or other submissions you feel explains or supports your views.

Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie may provide a reply to all letters received from Aboriginal groups by **noon, 9 November 2017**.

If you have any questions regarding how to file a letter, please contact Regulatory Officer Carrie Randall, at carrie.randall@neb-one.gc.ca or at 1-800-899-1265 (toll free).

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachments - Project Summary and Map

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Quebec-New Hampshire Interconnexion Project Project Summary

On 23 December 2016, Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie applied to the National Energy Board to build a direct-current transmission line approximately 79.2 km long between Des Cantons substation and the Quebec-New Hampshire border (Permit Project).

The Permit Project will require the reconfiguration of certain components of the existing 450 kV Interconnection Quebec-New Hampshire international power line where it leaves Des Cantons substation. On 28 February 2017, Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie applied to modify Certificate No. EC-III-21 (Variance Application).

If you would like to discuss details or require additional information about the Project, the Board encourages you to contact the applicant, Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie, directly at:

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If you would like a copy of the Permit Project or the Variance Application, they can be obtained from Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie. The relevant documents can also be found on the Board website (<http://www.neb-one.gc.ca>). For the Permit Project, click on “View Regulatory Documents” under the heading “Applications & Filings”, and enter the Document ID number **A81160** in the “Search by Document Number” box and click on “Go”. For the Variance Application, click on “View Regulatory Documents” under the heading “Applications & Filings”, and enter the Document ID number **A81895** in the “Search by Document Number” box and click on “Go”.

Proposed Quebec-New Hampshire Interconnexion Project Map

