

## **IESO Engagement**

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Folks,

As always, a very informative and well-run session, so thanks for organizing and hosting.

As you know, Boundary Waters Anishinaabeg Development LP and its' 4 First Nations owners (Nigigoonsiminikaaning FN, Mitaanjigamiing FN, Seine River FN and Couchiching FN) have a proposal in with the IESO for the development of the Steep Rock pump storage project near Atikokan. The project has the support of Treaty 3 Grand Council and the Town of Atikokan, and IESO attended a meeting with Boundary Waters and Treaty 3 indigenous leadership in December 2021 where this support was expressed.

It appears that Boundary Waters' proposal aligns well with IESO's E-LT1 objectives (ie. completion by 2027, 20-year contract term, community support, indigenous ownership, long duration of service) so we asked the IESO team with whom we are dealing with, about how it fits into the E-LT1 and LT1 processes. We've been told that the two processes are not coordinated and so we are not eligible for participation in the E-LTI process. It was suggested that we could approach pre-qualified parties for partnering opportunities. While this is an option, at this stage it is a bit rushed, and so we would like to have further discussions with IESO on this matter. As well, access to the CIB financing proposal would also be beneficial to the project, and hence would be another topic of discussion.

I have copied the IESO team with whom we are dealing on the Boundary Waters proposal. Thank you for your consideration and look forward to continuing dialogue and engagement .

Regards,

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