

## **Feedback to April 24, 2024 TSF: Focused Engagement Session #3—April 24, 2024**

**1. During the session, the IESO shared a number of proposed guiding principles to help inform Indigenous participation design features under the TSF – Do you have any feedback on the proposed principles (slides 24-25), or responses to the discussion questions posed (slides 26-29)?**

**We're here to build those relationships. It shouldn't be adversarial. Voicing our concerns and proposing solutions is very important if we're really going to have participation.**

**We still as First Nations appear to be on periphery of key discussions. It sometimes feels like the illusion of inclusion without us being there.**

**2. What is the preferred level of prescriptiveness of Indigenous participation design features under the TSF (eg. develop for each procurement under the TSF, or develop overarching policy for all procurements under the TSF)?**

**United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) is a high-level advisory body that has focused on raising awareness and gathering expert recommendations since 2002. Several side events examine pressing issues that help develop policies upholding Indigenous rights.**

**3. How should the IESO think about timing associated with Indigenous partnerships within a competitive transmission procurement (e.g. Partnerships formed before a bid is submitted, post-bid, or post-energization)?**

**Recognize First Nations are not complacent. British Columbia became Canada's first jurisdiction to implement UNDRIP in 2019, creating a deputy minister position that works to ensure it's consistent with provincial laws. Where is Ontario and other departments working to lobby for UNDRIP implementation?**

**While there are now three UN bodies dealing specifically with Indigenous issues, the struggle continues for high-level participation.**

**4. What are the barriers to Indigenous communities assessing and understanding participation options for future transmission projects (and how might the IESO help address those barriers)?**

**We as Canadians have to be the example and we as First Nations have to guide Canada in being that example. We need to partner and see or work past the competitive edge. We need to participate in decision-making process.**

**Are there any other challenges communities have experienced with respect to participating in new electricity projects, or other infrastructure?**

**Our biggest enemy is the status quo. Despite the geopolitics our nations are creating spaces for themselves. FNMPC is a step in the right direction providing investors with investments.**

**5. Are communities supportive of an Indigenous Advisory Committee?**

**Yes, definitely would ensure a fair voice at the table. Canada has much to gain by creating space for Indigenous voices to supplement the positions they share.**

**General Comments:**