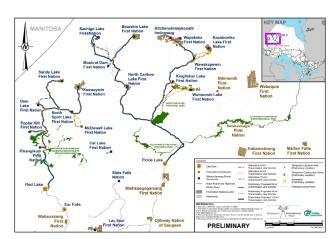


Phase 2 Connecting 17 Remote First Nation Communities NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT AND TO ATTEND A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Project: Wataynikaneyap Power L.P. is a licensed transmission company majority owned by First Nations. The First Nations ownership interest is equally owned by 22 First Nation communities, and a minority interest in the partnership is owned by Fortis Inc. The Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project Phase 2 (the Project) includes approximately 1,500 km of 115 kV, 44 kV and 25 kV transmission lines and associated facilities for subsystems north of Pickle Lake and Red Lake that will connect 17 remote First Nation communities currently powered by diesel generation, to the provincial electrical grid. Figure 1 identifies the Project location and transmission and alternative corridors. The Project has been identified as one of the priority projects in Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan, and Wataynikaneyap has been selected as the designated transmitter to connect communities. Wataynikaneyap's principal purpose is to provide safe, accessible and clean electrical power to remote First Nation communities and to decrease the reliance on diesel-powered energy generation which, consequently, will provide environmental, economic, social, quality-of-life and health benefits.



Environmental Assessment (EA) Process: The Project is subject to the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and to Section 67 of the *Canadian Environmental*

Assessment Act, 2012 for the portions of the transmission line on First Nation reserve lands. The Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Class EA processes:

- Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Ontario Hydro, 1992) (for applicable 11 5kV sections and associated infrastructure). The total distance of the proposed 115 kV line is approximately1,290 km: http://www.wataypower.ca/
- A Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development (Category C) (disposition of resources as applicable on less than 115 kV sections and associated infrastructure). The total distance of the proposed 44 kV line is approximately 140 km, and proposed 25 kV line is 30 km: http://www.downloads.ene.gov.on.ca/files/eaab/mnr_class_rsfdp_document.pdf; and
- A Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves (Category C) (disposition of resources for applicable sections within Provincial Parks): http://www.ontla.on.ca/library/repository/mon/11000/251283.pdf.

Wataynikaneyap has completed a Draft ESR for public review. The Draft ESR includes baseline characterization and effects assessment; and an alternatives analysis to select the preferred Project footprint (including refinements from previous engagement). The ESR also describes proposed mitigation, remedial activities and enhancement measures. Wataynikaneyap is seeking comments on the Draft ESR over a 30-business day comment period ending **September 14, 2018**. The Draft ESR has been provided to the locations listed below for viewing and on the Wataynikaneyap website at www.wataypower.ca. You can also obtain a copy from the contacts below. Aboriginal community meetings on EA findings have been/are being held and will be advertised in communities as they are scheduled.

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Red Lake and Sioux Lookout District Offices
- Red Lake Municipal Office
- Pickle Lake Municipal Office
- Windigo First Nations Council Office
- Shibogama First Nations Council Office
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak Northern Chiefs Council
 Dryden office

Band offices of the following communities:

- Bearskin Lake First Nation
- Cat Lake First Nation
- Deer Lake First Nation

- Eabametoong First Nation
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation
- Keewaywin First Nation
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
- Lac Seul First Nation
- McDowell Lake First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation
- Muskrat Dam First Nation
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation

- North Caribou Lake First Nation
- North Spirit Lake First Nation
- Pikangikum First Nation
- Poplar Hill First Nation
- Sachigo Lake First Nation
- Sandy Lake First Nation
- Slate Falls Nation
- Wabauskang First Nation
- Wapekeka First Nation
- Wawakapewin First Nation
- Webequie First Nation
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation

Public Open Houses

Municipality of Red Lake

Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre 51A Highway 105, Cochenour, Ontario Date: August 16, 2018 Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CST

14 Koval Street, Pickle Lake, Ontario
Date: August 14, 2018 Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

Township of Pickle Lake

Pickle Lake Community Hall

We kindly ask that your comments on the Draft ESR be provided to the contacts below or submitted on the Wataynikaneyap website (www.wataypower.ca) no later than **September 14, 2018**.

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