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Subject: Feedback on the Sudbury-Algoma Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP)

To whom it may concern,

Giyak Mishkawzid Shkagmikwe (GMS), the economic development corporation wholly owned by Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Sudbury-Algoma Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP). GMS supports the development of the IRRP and recognizes its important role in ensuring that the region's electricity system can meet the needs of residents, businesses, Indigenous communities, and future economic growth.

As the economic development arm of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, GMS works to advance sustainable prosperity for our Nation and its members by creating and supporting Nation-owned business ventures, attracting investment, developing workforce capacity, building strategic partnerships, and preparing development-ready lands. GMS' mandate is rooted in Anishnawbek values and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek's Community Comprehensive Plan: to reduce poverty, generate sustainable wealth, create employment and training opportunities for Debendaagziwaad, and do so in a manner that respects the wellbeing of the land. Atikameksheng Anishnawbek is located immediately adjacent to Greater Sudbury and forms part of the economic fabric of Northern Ontario's mining, critical minerals, and industrial supply chain.

Reliable, resilient, and available electricity infrastructure is fundamental to fulfilling this mandate. Electricity capacity and reliability are among the first considerations for companies evaluating locations for new facilities, industrial expansions, and major capital projects. Sufficient electrical capacity directly influences site selection decisions and can determine whether investment opportunities are realized within the community and the broader region. GMS and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek are actively advancing several initiatives that will require significant and reliable electricity supply. These include the ongoing development of the following projects:

- Chi-Zhiingwaak Business Park, a 26-hectare employment lands project currently advancing through servicing and lot preparation phases, including the extension of electrical services to multiple lots;
- Nation-owned and joint-venture businesses in the mining supply chain, including diamond drilling and related services;
- Partnerships supporting resource development projects;
- Longer-term opportunities tied to critical minerals processing, value-added industrial activity, and potential renewable energy initiatives.

Once fully occupied, Chi-Zhiingwaak Business Park alone is projected to support substantial employment for community members and the wider region.

Many of these opportunities have meaningful electricity requirements and align with broader provincial, national, and Indigenous-led efforts to strengthen supply chains, advance economic reconciliation, and support sustainable growth.

As the IESO develops regional demand forecasts and future electricity infrastructure plans, we encourage consideration of anticipated growth and development opportunities in addition to historical electricity consumption patterns. Historical demand alone may not adequately reflect the transformative investment potential emerging across Northern Ontario, including on and adjacent to Atikameksheng Anishnawbek's lands. Planning initiatives, employment and land development such as Chi-Zhiingwaak, infrastructure investments, population and housing growth objectives, active investment attraction efforts, and Indigenous economic development strategies are important indicators of future electricity needs and should form part of regional planning considerations.

Ensuring a reliable and resilient electricity system is essential to supporting continued economic development, enhancing regional competitiveness, enabling housing and employment growth, advancing economic reconciliation, and capitalizing on the significant opportunities emerging within the mining, critical minerals, and advanced manufacturing sectors. Proactive electricity planning today will help ensure that future investment opportunities can proceed without infrastructure-related constraints.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important planning process and look forward to continued collaboration with the Independent Electricity System Operator, Hydro One, Greater Sudbury Utilities, and regional partners to support sustainable growth and long-term economic success throughout Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Greater Sudbury, and the Sudbury-Algoma region.

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