What happens when a developer asks to connect to the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System?

Wataynikaneyap Power is a licensed transmission company majority-owned by a partnership of 24 First Nations (51%) in partnership with Fortis Inc. and other private investors (49%).

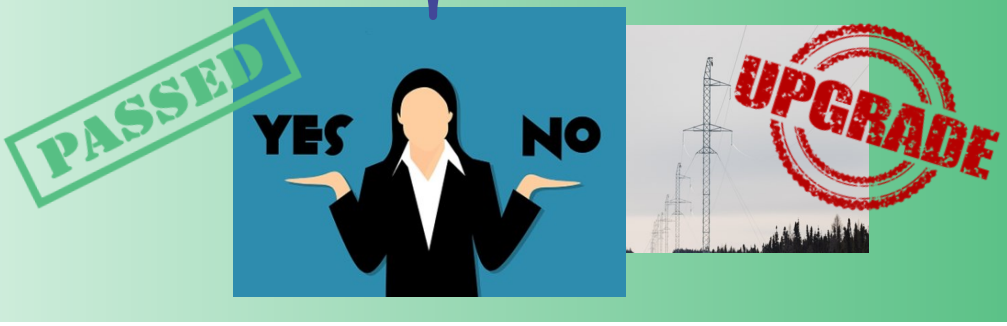
When we receive a request to connect to the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System, we have a regulatory requirement to:

Work with the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) to complete transmission system studies to assess the proposed connection.

SIA
System Impact Assessment

CIA
Customer Impact Assessment

These assessments are known as SIA (system impact assessment) and CIA (customer impact assessment).



The SIA & CIA will determine if the proposed connection from the proponent will affect the reliability and capacity of electricity or if there would be a transmission system upgrade required.

Your ownership of Wataynikaneyap Power does NOT change your Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights, right to consultation, sacred responsibility to protect the land, or ability to control development on the homelands. All "proponents" (a company or project requesting connection), must go through their engagement with the People as part of their Duty to Consult for Environmental Approval and other permitting requirements.

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Example: A potential developer (like mining), also called a "proponent," looking for energy…

COMPLETELY SEPERATE from the developer's electricity planning for their project, they need to….

Engage with First Nations about the project, including the environmental assessment and permitting processes.

This is the developer's "Duty to Consult"

First Nations will decide if they consent to project development and their involvement. First Nations must consent to activity on the Homelands for the project to advance.

1.

Researches power as part of its project planning. They may approach Wataynikaneyap Power or IESO for high-level talks at this time to better understand the transmission system in the area.

2.

Formally requests to start the transmission system assessment (SIA/CIA) by applying to Wataynikaneyap Power and IESO.

3.

Once the transmission system assessment is completed (see first page), the proponent assesses the work and costs required to connect to the Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system and decides whether to proceed with connection work. An economic evaluation will determine who pays for the connection cost.

Wataynikaneyap Power does not get involved in the proponent's Duty to Consult requirements nor does Wataynikaneyap Power have any say in the matter. Being an owner of Wataynikaneyap Power will not affect your relationship with the developer/proponent. Completing the transmission system assessments for potential connection to the Wataynikaneyap Transmission System is not consent by First Nations or Wataynikaneyap Power for the developer.