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## **RE: Media Release Nanticoke Solar Project**

Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) is currently developing definitive agreements with project partners that will provide the basis for presenting the Nanticoke Solar Project to the Six Nations community by way of community engagement.

In September 2015, SNGRDC signed a term sheet for the purpose of submitting the LRP 1 bid. This solidified a partnership with Ontario Power Generation, SunEdison and SNGRDC for the proposed Nanticoke Solar Project. Now that we have received confirmation of the contract award, SNGRDC will continue to develop the business terms of the partnership. This will be an on-going process as community engagement has not yet begun. Findings from community engagements will be used to shape the final agreement with project partners.

The project sponsor, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), will be working with Six Nations Elected Council's (SNEC) Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) team to move through the project's consultation requirements. It will be up SNGRDC and CAP team to collaboratively initiate community engagement on the project. Meeting dates will be announced to the public as soon as they are available.

SNGRDC's mandate is to pursue economic development opportunities for Six Nations; the Nanticoke Solar Project is an example of these efforts. The process to seek economic opportunities does not operate in isolation from the Six Nations Community. We will respect SNEC's consultation process which requires community engagement through the CAP team.

Based on the financial model submitted to complete the bid in the Large Renewable Procurement 1(LRP 1) process, Six Nations is anticipated to generate revenues not less then 7.4M over 20 years.

As in all SNGRDC's partnerships, our objective is to employ as many people from Six Nations as possible. As we move forward in finalizing agreements, local employment opportunities will be discussed in greater detail.

This year SNGRDC bid on 4 LRP 1 projects to Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO).

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