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## **Five Nations Energy Inc., Ontario's Only Aboriginal-Owned Transmission Company, Celebrates Tenth Anniversary**

**Timmins, Ontario – Thursday September 27, 2007:** On September 30, 2007, Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) celebrates its 10th anniversary. FNEI is the only transmission company in Ontario that is owned and operated by First Nations and has overcome many challenges to reach the level of success that it enjoys today.

Five Nations Energy Inc. was created in September of 1997 to explore the feasibility of an extension of the main Ontario electricity grid to service the remote fly-in First Nation communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan which are located on the western coast of James Bay. Prior to that date, electricity for all three communities was supplied via diesel generators by the former Ontario Hydro Remote Communities System. The diesel generators in the communities had numerous limitations, and by 1997 growth in the communities was constrained due to the limits of the electricity systems in place.

Since the transmission line has been operating, the three communities have experienced the benefits that a connection to the main Ontario electricity grid offers. These benefits include increased reliability, reduced environmental impacts and risk, and increased economic development such as new residential sub-divisions, new schools and recreational facilities.

As FNEI celebrates 10 years of existence, the company looks forward to continue improving its services to the First Nations communities of Fort Albany, Kashechewan and Attawapiskat. FNEI's capital plans include service improvements and the addition of fibre optic telecommunications access.

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