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## **Five Nations Energy Inc. Celebrates Five Years of Delivering Electricity to Fort Albany and Kashechewan**

**Timmins, Ontario – November 9, 2006:** Five Nations Energy Inc. is celebrating five years of providing reliable electricity through its transmission line and replacing diesel generators as the primary source of electricity in the communities of Fort Albany, Kashechewan and Attawapiskat. The community of Fort Albany was energized on November 7, 2001, followed by Kashechewan on December 12, 2001. Further construction of the line was needed before Attawapiskat could be energized two years later, on December 3, 2003.

Five Nations Energy Inc. is Ontario's only aboriginal-owned and operated electricity transmission company and one of only five licensed transmitters in the province.

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

Once connected to the grid, "Our lifestyle changed for the better and our time with our families became even more comfortable," said Mike Metatawabin, President of Five Nations Energy Inc. Mr. Metatawabin was Chief of Fort Albany First Nation when the connection took place. "We now have running water and reliable heating sources. Our children are now able to take showers and be comfortable inside electrically heated homes. It also allowed our communities to grow and expand," he said.

In marking this milestone, Five Nations Energy Inc. continues to look towards the future. "Despite the success we have had with connecting our communities, we now have to learn from the challenges that we continue to meet," Mr. Metatawabin said. Currently under construction are upgrades that are required to continue to meet the communities' demand while also providing electricity to the De Beers Canada Inc.'s Victor diamond project. In addition, Five Nations Energy Inc. is planning to provide fibre-optic capability to the communities in the near future.

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