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**Re: Northern York Region Supply  
Board File No. EB-2005-0315**

In a meeting of March 2, 2007, attended by representatives of Hydro One Networks Inc., the Ontario Power Authority, and the Independent Electricity System Operator, it became clear that there is potential reliability concern regarding the electricity supply to consumers in the Northern York Region.

In that meeting, Board staff indicated that the Board's decision and order with respect to the Northern York Region Supply (Proceeding File No. EB-2005-0315) directed Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) to, among other projects; construct the Holland Junction Transformer Station (HJTS). The expectation was that the HJTS would be built by summer 2007 and be available to service the electricity demand in the region.

Board staff also indicated that it has been reviewing the developments in Northern York

Region and has become aware of delays related to the HJTS. Hydro One's staff gave a presentation in that meeting covering the analysis of the situation attributed to the delay in securing environmental permitting for HJTS, which will not be in-service for the summer season of 2007. The delay in the construction of the HJTS may also mean that the station might not be in-service for the summer of 2008 or 2009. It became clear that the delayed in-service of the HJTS may result in inadequate capacity being available from the existing Armitage Transformer Station (Armitage TS) until the HJTS is in-service.

For the Board to have a complete understanding of the capability of the system at the Armitage TS to handle anticipated electricity demand, further information is needed regarding distribution infrastructure projects that are being undertaken in the region. Specifically, the Board would like additional information on the status of feeders that are interconnecting with transformer stations other than the Armitage station.

The Board is therefore requesting that the three York Region Distributors file a single report with the Board (8 paper copies and one electronic copy in PDF format at [boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca)) no later than **April 6, 2007**, on the status of all electricity distribution projects and all CDM initiatives, which are designed and expected to reduce the loading on Armitage TS during the summer season (June –September) of 2007. Initiatives expected to assist with the management of electricity demand for 2008 and 2009 should also be identified. Please ensure that any CDM projects included in your status report are not duplicated in the report by the OPA.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,

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