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NOTICE OF WRITTEN PROCEEDING

York Region Electricity Supply

Demand for electricity in York Region has grown beyond the capacity of existing electricity infrastructure serving the Region. The Board has directed the utilities serving York Region – Hydro One Networks Inc., Newmarket Hydro and PowerStream Inc. – (the “York Region Utilities”) to identify the optimal transmission and/or distribution infrastructure investment to serve York Region. At the same time, the Ontario Power Authority (the “OPA”) led public meetings and established working groups to engage local stakeholders in the OPA’s identification of solutions to the York Region supply issue.

On June 29, 2005 the York Region Utilities advised the Board in writing that the preferred solution involves the installation of a new transformer station at the Holland Junction transmission point in the Township of King with associated distribution feeder lines (the “Holland Junction Proposal”). The attached location map depicts the proposed location of the transformer station.

On July 29, 2005, the Board requested the OPA to provide evidence on the options to serve York Region. By evidence dated September 30, 2005, the OPA stated that the preferred option, in the immediate term, is the Holland Junction Proposal.

The OPA also stated that the OPA will also be pursuing opportunities for conservation and demand management in York Region and that other transmission, distribution and/or generation options may be brought forward to the Board for consideration at some point in the future.

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For present purposes, the Board intends to hold a written proceeding under ss. 19(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act , ss. 12.2 of the Hydro One Electricity Transmission Licence and ss. 13.2 of the York Region Utilities' Distribution Licences to determine whether to order Hydro One and the York Region Utilities to take steps to implement the Holland Junction Proposal.

How to see the Materials

Copies of the materials before the Board in making this decision, including the reports submitted by the York Region Utilities and the OPA's Report and attachment Exhibits are available for public inspection at the Board's offices and in the "What's New" section of the Board's web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

How to Participate

The Board intends to proceed by written hearing unless a person satisfies the Board that there is a good reason not to proceed with a written hearing. If you wish to comment or make a submission on the issue of whether a written hearing is appropriate or on whether the Board should direct the York Region Utilities to implement the Holland Junction Proposal, you must provide them in writing to the Board Secretary **no later than 15 calendar days** from the publication date of this Notice.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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