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Dear Mr. O'Dell

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Re: Amendment of an Application (EB-1999-0269) by Centre Wellington Hydro to a Consent Application Pursuant to Combined Hearing RP-2003-0044

Centre Wellington Hydro ("Company") has carefully reviewed the Ontario Energy Board's ("Board") *Decision With Reasons* ("Decision"), dated February 27, 2004, in respect of the above noted matter, and its general service area amendment Application EB-1999-0269 ("Application") to amend Schedule 1 of its Distribution Licence.

Consequently, and by this letter, Centre Wellington Hydro wishes to amend its Application in accordance with the Board's *Filing and Process Requirements*, associated with service area amendment applications.

Background

The amendment to the Application withdraws the proposal to expand the distribution service area into Hydro One's service area, except for the site of the New Upper Grand District High School ("UGDHS" or "High School").

The proposal to amend Centre Wellington Hydro's Application dated July 8, 2002, is based on a consensual agreement between the Company and Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One"), concerning the connection of the High School. UGDHS is currently under construction at the south end of the Town of Fergus.

In the spring of 2003, Upper Grand District School Board requested quotations from both Centre Wellington Hydro and Hydro One, regarding the cost to connect the UGDHS to their respective distribution systems. UGDHS indicated that there was an urgency to have the connection completed for construction purposes. At that time, Centre Wellington Hydro made a request to the Board that it includes the High School in the critical customer hearings, along with the Grand River Raceway. However, the Board determined that the connection of the UGDHS was not an urgent matter requiring their immediate decision.

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Confirmation of Consent

Centre Wellington Hydro is currently working with Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") to effect the following: a customer transfer of the new Upper Grand District High School; and a service area expansion from Hydro One to Centre Wellington Hydro on a consensual basis. Hydro One, under a separate letter, will inform the Board of its consent with the proposed application.

Description of Proposed Connection, Load and Point of Supply

The High School is currently a customer of Hydro One. However, in the interests of convenience and economic efficiency, it is served electrically from Centre Wellington Hydro's distribution network. Hydro One has a single phase 4.8 kV distribution line in the vicinity of the school, but it was determined that the new load would require a 44kV supply.

The nearest Hydro One 44 kV service is approximately 2 kilometres away from the school site. Hydro One therefore determined that it would be more economically efficient to request a connection to the Company's 44kV 73-M3 feeder. This feeder lies along the boundary of the school property and dead-ends at Scotland Street, where the high school is being built. The connection to the 73-M3 feeder would allow the High School to be built to meet the in-service requirements of the Upper Grand District School Board.

On April 7, 2003, Hydro One requested a retail/supply point connection to the 73-M3 feeder pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Distribution System Code. That single connection point was provided by Centre Wellington Hydro and is operational.

There are no load transfers or additional points of supply required.

Description of Lands

The lands to be considered in this amended application include only those associated with the Upper Grand District High School, which is located at 950 Scotland Street. This is immediately adjacent to the southeastern boundary of the Town of Fergus. The high school appears under Registered Plan 61R 9227, Part of Lot 14, Concession 2, of the former Township of Nichol, which is now within the Township of Centre Wellington. (See Map 1.)

Other Affected Customers

The costs of service are recovered in full from the Upper Grand District School Board.

There are no other identified customers that would be affected by the amended Application, nor are there any cost, rate, service quality, safety or reliability impacts expected.

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Approval Requested

Centre Wellington Hydro applies to amend its service area expansion Application (EB-1999-0269) to withdraw the proposed general expansion of its distribution service area, pursuant to the Board's *Decision With Reasons* dated February 27, 2004. Further, Centre Wellington Hydro applies to amend the Application by expanding its service area on a site specific basis, by adding the Upper Grand District High School to the Company's service area as a new customer. Hydro One consents to this proposed amendment to the Application.

If additional information or clarification is required concerning this amended Application please contact the undersigned at 519-843-2900. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug Sherwood President/Secretary

cc: All Parties