

1 **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #4 (Southwest Submissions)**

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3 **Interrogatory**

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5 Please indicate the age, capacity and expected life of Hydro One's distribution and  
6 transmission assets in service areas which would be potentially subject to overlap should  
7 the amendment applications in this proceeding (RP-2003-0044) be approved. Please  
8 indicate which assets are scheduled for upgrade.

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11 **Response**

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13 Networks' assets are described in Appendix A of each of its submission responding to the  
14 application in this proceeding.

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16 Networks does not collect asset information, for its distribution system, in a manner that  
17 aligns with the geographic boundaries proposed by the applicants and therefore is unable  
18 to answer this interrogatory. Networks' financial accounting systems manage distribution  
19 system assets on a pooled basis. Information on specific distribution fixed assets is not  
20 identifiable by the application area. Networks would need to undertake a costly asset  
21 inventory to provide age, capacity and expected life for the proposed amendment areas.

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23 Networks' transmission and distribution businesses are operated independently.  
24 Networks' distribution business does not have access to privileged information from  
25 Networks' transmission business.

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