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On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council, orders that:

Sur la recommandation du soussigné, le lieutenant-gouverneur, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil des ministres, décrète ce qui suit:

WHEREAS the Ontario Government finds it prudent to initiate development work to expand Ontario's transmission system in order to better serve the expected growth in the area west of Thunder Bay given anticipated growth in electrical load, to promote the use of clean and renewable energy sources from Ontario's supply mix, and to enhance opportunities for the development and connection of new renewable generation facilities over the long term;

AND WHEREAS the electricity transmission network in the area west of Thunder Bay is composed of the high-voltage circuits connecting Thunder Bay to Kenora, through Atikokan, Dryden, and Fort Frances;

AND WHEREAS it is intended that the development work focus on the expansion or reinforcement of a portion or portions of that electricity transmission network in the area west of Thunder Bay (the "Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project");

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") would make recommendations concerning the specific scope and timing of the above-noted project in accordance with its statutory mandate, objects and responsibilities pursuant to the *Electricity Act, 1998*, and as a function of its ongoing electricity resource planning activities;

AND WHEREAS the Government has determined that the preferred manner of proceeding is to require Hydro One Networks Inc. to undertake the development of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project including to undertake any and all steps which are deemed to be necessary and desirable in order to seek required approvals;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Energy has, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the authority to issue Directives pursuant to section 28.6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which relate to the connection of renewable energy generation facilities to a transmitter's transmission system or to a distributor's distribution system;

NOW THEREFORE the Directive attached hereto, is approved.

Recommended: 
Minister of Energy

Concurred: 
Chair of Cabinet

Approved and Ordered: NOV 27 2013
Date


Lieutenant Governor

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MINISTER'S DIRECTIVE

TO: THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

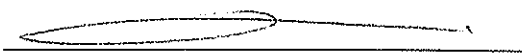
I, Bob Chiarelli, hereby direct the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") pursuant to section 28.6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* as follows:

1. The Board shall amend the licence conditions of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") electricity transmission licence to include a requirement that Hydro One proceed to do the following related to the expansion or reinforcement of its transmission system, in order to accommodate load due to forecast demand growth over the long term, to promote the use of clean and renewable energy sources from Ontario's supply mix, and to enhance opportunities for the development and connection of new renewable generation facilities over the long term:

- (i) Develop and seek approvals for the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, which shall be composed of the expansion or reinforcement of a portion or portions of the electricity transmission network in the area west of Thunder Bay.
- (ii) Immediately work in co-operation with the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") to establish the scope and timing for the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project. The scope and timing of the project to be carried out by Hydro One shall accord with the recommendations of the OPA.

It is anticipated that the OPA's recommendations will be made in the course of the OPA's transmission planning activities, conducted in accordance with its statutory mandate, objects and responsibilities under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, including with any transmission planning activities identified in any direction issued, or to be issued, by the Minister of Energy to the OPA pursuant to Part II.2 of that Act.

2. The Board shall make the amendments to the electricity transmission licence of Hydro One without holding a hearing.


Minister of Energy