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Dear Ms. Walli:

EB-2013-0192 – Proposed Amendments to the Licence of the Ontario Power Authority regarding Regional Planning

On June 3, 2013, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) issued a Notice of Proposed Amendments to the licence of the Ontario Power Authority (the “OPA”) to reflect the OPA’s obligations in the regional planning process.

Although Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) generally supports these proposed amendments, Hydro One notes that there is a potential timing discrepancy between section X.2.2 (e) of these proposed amendments and section 3C.2.2 (g) of the proposed amendments to the Transmission System Code (“TSC”) in the Regional Planning (EB-2011-0043) proceeding.

Specifically, Hydro One submits that the OPA’s obligation to provide the lead transmitter with information within 30 days under section X.2.2 (e) of the proposed OPA licence amendments may not leave sufficient time for the lead transmitter to meet the requirement in section 3C.2.2 (g) of the proposed TSC amendments to confirm the status of regional planning to a licensed distributor/transmitter also within 30 days.

To address this discrepancy, Hydro One proposes that there be a minimum of 15 days between the time that the OPA is obligated to provide information to the lead transmitter and the time that the lead transmitter is obligated to confirm the status of regional planning to a licensed distributor/transmitter.

For reference, relevant sections of the proposed amendments are attached as Appendix 1.

Sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Proposed Amendments

Distribution System Code (EB-2011-0043)

8.3.4 Where, for the purpose of supporting an application proposed to be filed with the Board, a distributor requires information related to the status of regional planning for a region, including any Regional Infrastructure Plan that is being developed for the region, the transmission-connected distributor or embedded distributor shall request a letter confirming the status from the transmitter that is leading the regional infrastructure planning process or is involved in an integrated regional resource planning process for the region no less than 60 days before the distributor requires the letter.

Transmission System Code (EB-2011-0043)

3C.2.2 For the purposes of section 3C.2.1, a transmitter shall: ... (g) within 30 days of being requested to do so, provide a letter to a licensed distributor or a licensed transmitter confirming the status of regional planning for a region, including any Regional Infrastructure Plan that is being developed for the region that includes the distributor's licensed service area or within which the transmitter's transmission system is located, suitable for the purpose of supporting an application proposed to be filed with the Board by the distributor or transmitter.

Licence of the Ontario Power Authority (EB-2013-0192)

X.2.2 (e) Provide the lead transmitter with any information that the transmitter requests for regional planning purposes, within 30 days of a request or a period of time that the Licensee and the lead transmitter agree upon;