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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: OEB File: EB-2015-0141 – Motion for Review and Variance of Decision
EB-2013-0416/EB 2014-0247**

As part of Procedural Order 4 in this matter, the OEB ordered that a transcribed Technical Conference be convened on December 17, 2015 and, if necessary, on December 18, 2015, to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories.

The Carriers respectfully request that the Technical Conference be adjourned to January 12, 2016, a date originally set by the OEB for the Settlement Conference in this proceeding.

The Carriers and the applicant, Hydro One Networks Inc., have expressed a mutual interest in entering into settlement discussions on the matters at issue in this proceeding, and, on a without prejudice basis, have scheduled a meeting on Wednesday December 16, 2015 for this purpose. The Carriers anticipate that if a settlement can be agreed upon between the Carriers and Hydro One, the scope of the Technical Conference could be significantly reduced.

Given that settlement discussions may go beyond December 16, 2016 and that the other intervenors in the proceeding must have the opportunity to review any settlement proposal, the Carriers are of the view that the current schedule, in which the Technical Conference takes place a mere day after the settlement discussions have commenced, would not be conducive to fruitful settlement discussions.

Accordingly, the Carriers request that, if still required, the Technical Conference be adjourned to January 12, 2016, at which time any party, including the other intervenors, could pose questions regarding the evidence filed in this proceeding - within the context of any settlement proposal or further to the interrogatories filed to date.

Subsequently, the Settlement Conference could occur on January 13, 2015, as currently scheduled, if necessary, to seek to resolve this matter with the participation of any party to these



proceedings who wishes to attend. This would avoid any overall delay to the timeline ordered by the OEB in Procedural Order 4.

The Carriers have discussed this proposal with Hydro One, which has indicated that it does not oppose the Carriers' request.

The Carriers appreciate the OEB's consideration of this request.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Pinos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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