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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2017-0050 Hydro One Networks Inc. - Distribution Rate Application – Former Service Areas of Woodstock Hydro Services Inc, Norfolk Power Distribution Inc, Haldimand County Hydro Inc.**

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Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) submitted an application on August 14, 2017 for the implementation of electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2018 for the service areas formerly served by Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. (“Norfolk Power”), Haldimand County Hydro Inc., and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (“the Application”). Between September 26, 2017 and January 23, 2018, OEB Staff contacted Hydro One on four occasions with followup questions regarding Hydro One’s evidence to which Hydro One provided responses. Hydro One is currently awaiting the OEB’s draft decision in this proceeding.

As noted in its cover letter dated January 5, 2018, Hydro One requires a final rate order from the OEB two weeks before the implementation date of the rate order in order to test and implement new rates in to its billing system. Given the current timing of the proceeding, Hydro One proposes that the OEB adopt an effective date May 1, 2018 for rates in this proceeding.

Hydro One makes this proposal in consideration of the upcoming annual update to the OEB’s Regulated Price Plan (“RPP”) prices, to be effective May 1. Aligning the effective date of Hydro One’s distribution rates with the timing of the RPP price change reduces the number of rate changes that are experienced by customers and avoids customer concerns and confusion over receiving billing announcements in back to back months. Additionally, the consolidation of testing and implementation of both rate changes to Hydro One’s billing system in one month will afford administrative and cost efficiencies.



If further clarification or additional information is needed please feel free to contact us at [Regulatory@HydroOne.com](mailto:Regulatory@HydroOne.com).

Sincerely,

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cc Georgette Vlahos, OEB - Applications Division