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**VIA Email, Courier and RESS**

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board File No.: EB-2018-0218  
Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Inc. - 2019 Transmission Electricity Rate Application  
Independent Electricity System Operator - Intervention Request**

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The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is in receipt of the Ontario Energy Board’s (“OEB”) Notice of the above noted application and is hereby requesting intervenor status in the OEB public hearing process.

The IESO is responsible for maintaining and administering the Ontario wholesale electricity markets, and directing the operation and maintaining reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. Although the IESO does not own generation or transmission facilities, it has an interest in this hearing as it directs the operation of generation and transmission facilities, including interconnection facilities that are situated in Ontario.

The IESO also has the mandate to ensure the adequacy and efficiency of electricity supply in Ontario through planning of electricity supply and demand. This includes planning the power system for the long term, leading and coordinating conservation initiatives across the province, and ensuring the development of needed generation resources. The IESO expects that issues discussed in this hearing may also be relevant to the IESO's regional planning activities.

The IESO may make written submissions or participate in oral hearings as required. The IESO is not eligible for and will not be seeking cost awards for its participation in this hearing.

Please provide electronic copies of all correspondence and materials filed to the attention of Beverly Nollert, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Affairs by email at [regulatoryaffairs@ieso.ca](mailto:regulatoryaffairs@ieso.ca).

Yours truly,

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