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BY COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

EB-2018-0218 – Request for Working Papers used as part of Expert Evidence submitted by Pacific Economics Group

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie (“Hydro One SSM”) is currently reviewing the expert evidence that was written by Pacific Economics Group (“PEG”) and submitted by OEB Staff on February 4th, 2019. Hydro One SSM, in conjunction with its consultant Steve Fenrick, plans to submit interrogatories pertaining to the expert evidence by February 19th, 2019 in line with Procedural Order #3 of this proceeding.

To perform a robust analysis, Hydro One SSM finds it necessary to access to all relevant Working Papers used by PEG to formulate the results; similar to the Working Papers provided by Mr. Fenrick to support the study filed by Hydro One SSM in its original evidence.

Hydro One SSM and Mr. Fenrick are prepared to maintain the confidentiality of the material provided and each will provide to the Board an executed Declaration and Undertaking to that effect upon request. Given the approaching deadline noted above for submission of interrogatories, Hydro One SSM requests a copy of the working papers at earliest convenience in order to continue its analysis. In lieu of Board direction, Hydro One SSM and Mr. Fenrick warrant to maintain the confidentiality of the information in the interim.

We trust this letter is satisfactory for OEB Staff to provide the Working Papers on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY JEFFREY SMITH

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