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BY E-MAIL ONLY

January 20, 2010

Ms. Anne-Marie Reilly Regulatory Coordinator – Regulatory Affairs Hydro One Networks Inc. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. South Tower Toronto ON M5G 2P5

Dear Ms. Reilly:

Hydro One Networks Inc. – 2010/2011 Electricity Distribution Rates Re: **Application – Board File Number EB-2009-0096** 

On January 18, 2010, in response to the Board's direction on January 14, 2010, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") submitted a proposal for dealing with the outstanding issue 9.3, relating to the allocation of the direct benefits of Hydro One's proposed Green Energy Plan.

Hydro One proposed that the issue be dealt with in this proceeding without awaiting the Board's report on this issue as part of EB-2009-0349 (the "Report"). Hydro One proposed that the argument schedule on all other issues proceed as previously determined and offered to produce its witness panel on issue 9.3 at the Board's convenience, as early as January 25, 2010.

The Board notes that it has already indicated a preference for awaiting the release of the Report prior to hearing issue 9.3. However, the Board will hear from Board staff and any interested parties before making a final determination on this matter. The Board therefore asks that any parties with an interest in this matter include submissions on the appropriate timing for the hearing of issue 9.3 with their final submissions.

Board staff will include its proposal with its submissions (4 days prior to the deadline for intervenor submissions), and parties will be expected to also comment on the appropriateness of staff's proposal. Hydro One may respond in its reply argument. If the Board decides to hear issue 9.3 prior to the release of the Report, it will issue a new procedural order with a schedule.

Given the timing of the submissions on this matter, it would not be possible to commence hearing issue 9.3 in January.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: Mr. D.H. Rogers, Q.C. Rogers Partners LLP All Parties, EB-2009-0096