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Dear Sir/Madame:

**Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project:
Hydro One Recommendations on Potential Route Refinements**

As you may know, in November 2007, Hydro One Networks (Hydro One) introduced three potential local refinements to the Reference Route for the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project. These include (as shown on the map):

- 1 Halton Hills Refinement (North of Milton Switching Station)
- 2 Camp Creek Refinement (Municipality of West Grey)
- 3 Hanover Area Refinement (Brockton/Hanover/West Grey).

These potential route refinements were suggested to Hydro One during our public and stakeholder consultation process. At that time, we committed to undertake an analysis and select a recommended route in these areas in a timely manner to bring clarity for potentially affected residents as soon as possible. To assist us in this analysis, we conducted a public and stakeholder consultation process which included public information centres (PICs) in Hanover and Halton Hills, two landowner workshops, an agency/municipality workshop, and meetings with key stakeholders. We also considered input received through written correspondence and our toll-free telephone number.

Hydro One was very pleased with the level of participation and volume of information provided by participants at the workshops. This was factored into our evaluation of the potential route refinements and assisted us in making route selection recommendations. Reports summarizing these activities are posted on the Bruce to Milton Project website, www.HydroOneNetworks.com/BruceToMilton, and include: November 2007 PIC Report, Landowner Workshop Report, Agency/Municipality Workshop Report and Route Refinement Recommendation Report.

Our recommendations regarding the three potential route refinements are summarized in the following table. As mentioned above, these recommendations are based on an analysis of available natural and socio-economic environmental data and information, including information gathered through our public and stakeholder consultation process. We encourage you to review the Route Refinement Recommendation Report and welcome your comments.

SUMMARY OF ROUTE REFINEMENT EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

	Recommendations	Rationale for Selection
1. Halton Hills	REFINEMENT ROUTE RECOMMENDED The refinement route was found to provide a significant socio-economic improvement over the reference route.	❖ Refinement Route avoids socio-economic effects on private properties (i.e., full property purchases) without increasing natural environmental effects.
2. Camp Creek	REFERENCE ROUTE RECOMMENDED The refinement route was not found to provide a significant socio-economic or natural environmental improvement over the reference route.	Reference Route: ❖ Less intrusive on visual landscape ❖ Requires less removal of aggregate lands ❖ Affects less of the provincially significant wetlands ❖ Potential effects on coldwater streams can be mitigated (e.g., higher towers to retain vegetation)
3. Hanover Area	REFERENCE ROUTE RECOMMENDED The refinement routes were not found to provide a significant socio-economic or natural environmental improvement over the reference route.	❖ Reference Route socio-economic effects (i.e., full property purchases) are offset by new potential effects associated with the Refinement Route, including effects on the natural environment, woodlot removal, farming, livestock operations, and heritage properties. ❖ Reference Route is consistent with Provincial land use policy

These recommendations will be incorporated in the updated Reference Route for the project, and will be proposed for further study and documentation in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

On behalf of Hydro One, I would like to thank landowners and other stakeholders who contributed to the route refinement evaluation process. Rest assured that there will continue to be opportunities to participate in the Bruce to Milton Project through both the EA and Ontario Energy Board processes.

Sincerely,



Gary Schneider
Project Director

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(Brockton/Hanover/West Grey area, Camp Creek and Halton Hills)

