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VIA EMAIL: BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Kirsten Walli:

Re: EB-2009-0425 – Hydro One Networks’ Section 92 – Toronto Midtown Transmission Reinforcement Project – Ontario Energy Board Notice of Application and Hearing Intervention Request Letter

On February 4, 2010, the Toronto District School Board (the “TDSB”) received a Notice of Application and Hearing regarding Hydro One Networks Inc.’s (“Hydro One”) application for leave to construct transmission reinforcement facilities in the Toronto Midtown area to reinforce and enhance its existing 115 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission system.

In response to the Notice of Application and Hearing, the TDSB wishes to actively participate in the Ontario Energy Board’s proceedings as an intervenor. The TDSB is a public school board operating in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario. It is the largest school board in Canada and the sixth largest in North America. In the 2006-2007 academic year, the Board operated approximately 561 schools, provided educational services to more than 280,000 students, and employed approximately 30,000 individuals.

The TDSB requests intervenor status as Hydro One’s Midtown project would directly affect school board operations at Bennington Heights Public School. Hydro One is proposing a long term plan to create new poles and underground cables surrounding TDSB property at Bennington Heights. Specifically, Hydro One is requesting access through TDSB property to perform geotechnical work, construct a vertical shaft and replace an existing tower. Additionally, Hydro One intends to utilize TDSB property as a laydown area for tower work. These activities could potentially impact the safety of our students and the daily operations of our school. As such, the TDSB would like to participate in the hearing process to ensure school board operational concerns and safety concerns are sufficiently addressed during the construction and commission of the proposed transmission facilities. The TDSB prefers a written hearing to facilitate all parties involved in this proceeding. The TDSB does not expect to seek costs from the Applicant, Hydro One.

Please note two hard copies of this letter have been sent via courier to the Ontario Energy Board, the Applicant and the Applicant’s Counsel for review. Thank you for considering the TDSB’s intervention request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neda Ebrahimzadeh".

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