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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Technical Conference into EB-2007-0050 - Hydro One - Bruce-Milton
Transmission Reinforcement Project**

I am writing on behalf of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") to advise Board Staff and parties of Hydro One's participation in the upcoming Technical Conference.

Hydro One has had the opportunity to review the written questions received to date from parties. Based on this review, it is planning to make two presentations, each of which will address topics of common interest. On Monday, October 15, 2007, representatives of Hydro One, the Independent Electricity System Operator and the Ontario Power Authority will present on the following matters: project need, alternatives, near term and interim measures and reliability. On Tuesday October 16, 2007, Hydro One representatives will present on the areas of technical design, construction, project cost and economics, schedule, land requirements and consultation. Following each presentation, the presenters will be available to engage in appropriate and informal discussion, moderated with the assistance of Board Counsel.

The advance question process established by Procedural Order No. 3 dated July 11, 2007, resulted in Hydro One receiving in excess of 250 multi-part questions from parties. Many of these take the form of interrogatories in that they request information in addition to that which Hydro One has included in its application. An expectation, by some, appears to be that Hydro One will or at least should respond to all questions either before or at the Technical Conference, or in any event provide responses via undertakings in advance of the interrogatory process that is prescribed in Procedural Order No.3.

Hydro One is not expecting the conduct of the Technical Conference to require it to address each and every question that has been posed to date. Such an approach is not

consistent with Hydro One's understanding of the purpose of the Technical Conference, which is to provide a forum in which technical issues regarding Hydro One's application can be discussed informally and to better assist parties in gaining an understanding of the application materials. Never was the Technical Conference process characterized as a preliminary, oral interrogatory process.

While Hydro One will attempt as best possible to address questions raised in the Conference, it does not consider the process to have imposed any obligation upon it to provide written responses to questions posed either before, at, or following the Technical Conference. Procedural Order No. 3 provides for an interrogatory process following the Technical Conference. Hydro One expects that parties will avail themselves of the interrogatory process should they determine that information in addition to that provided during the Technical Conference is required. In so doing, Hydro One intends to respond to interrogatories by the date prescribed in the Procedural Order and not by providing undertakings to answer questions in advance of that process.

Yours very truly,



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