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Via Email

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Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: Bruce-Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project
Board File No. EB-2007-0050 and EB-2007-0051
Powerline Connections Group
Our File No. 021073/000002**

We write pursuant to Procedural Order No. 4, which requires submissions concerning the current issues list in the now amended Leave to Construct application initiated by Hydro One Networks Inc. (“HONI”).

Project Need and Justification

Powerline Connections requests the following issue be added to the issues list and raised:

“Are ratepayer interests properly served when conditional approval of the Leave to Construct may be rendered moot if the EA process results in changes to the proposed line, and does the assessment of risks and costs take this fact into consideration?”

Project Alternatives

Powerline Connections supports the inclusion of the proposed issue identified by Mr. Ross in the “Project Need and Justification” section of the issues list and suggests the following additional issue be added:



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“Of the alternative routes proposed in the application, which best achieves the goal of delivering reliable and quality electrical service at the best possible price?”

Conditions of Approval

In the “Conditions of Approval” section of the issues list, Powerline Connections suggests the following issue be added:

“Is it appropriate to make an order granting Leave to Construct conditional upon approval of an EA?”

This issue may become critical if the EA is not completed and the route approved differs even slightly from that which is proposed in this Application.

Timelines – Procedural Order No. 4

Powerline Connections supports the request for an oral hearing to consider additional issues to be added to the issues list arising from the amendments to the Leave to Construct application proposed by HONI.

Powerline Connections further requests that the Board hear submissions about the timeline for events established in the Board’s Procedural Order No. 4, particularly in light of the continued uncertainty regarding the environmental assessment approval process and there is a clear risk that the hearing of the Leave to Construct application will be forced to commence before the Terms of Reference are even approved.

We would be pleased to attend before the Board to make submissions in this respect.

Yours very truly,

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