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BY COURIER

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Mr. Jason Madden
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Dear Mr. Madden:

EB-2007-0050 – Hydro One Networks' Section 92 Bruce - Milton Transmission Reinforcement Application – Hydro One Networks' Response to Interrogatory Questions from Métis Nation of Ontario

I am attaching a paper copy of the responses to the interrogatory questions from Métis Nation of Ontario.

A text searchable Acrobat file is being emailed to you and all other Intervenorors including the Ontario Energy Board today. The responses will be available for download from the Hydro One Networks regulatory website.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ANDREW PORAY FOR SUSAN FRANK

Susan Frank

- c. Kirsten Walli, Ontario Energy Board
EB-2007-0050 Intervenorors (by email)
M. Heinz, Ontario Power Authority (by email)

Métis Nation of Ontario INTERROGATORY #1 List 1

Interrogatory

Ref. Exh. B/T 6/S 7

Issue No 6.0 Consultations with Aboriginal Peoples – Identification of Aboriginal Groups

Request

Please state how Georgian Bay Métis Council, Grey Owen Sound Métis Council and Saguingue Métis Council were identified by Hydro One and if any information was received or utilized by from third parties (including governments) in making that determination. If third party information was received and/or utilized, please provide copies and/or outline the information.

Please identify any known litigation and/or case law reviewed and assessed in identifying consultation approach vis-à-vis Métis in the areas surrounding the project and the overall geographic region the project is in.

Response

Please refer to response Board Staff Interrogatory 6.1 parts (b) and (c).

Hydro One expects that pending litigation and/or a review of pertinent case law would be among the matters considered by the contacted Government Ministries and agencies in their identification of the Aboriginal Groups likely to be affected by the Project.

Métis Nation of Ontario INTERROGATORY #2 List 1

Interrogatory

Ref. Exh. B/T 6/S 7

Issue No. 6.0 Consultations with Aboriginal Peoples – Assessing and
Determining Potential Affects of Project on Aboriginal Groups

Request

Please provide any information, research or studies provided to Hydro One by the Government of Ontario Government or the Government of Canada related to Métis rights claims (proven and asserted) in area surrounding the project or the geographic region the project is in, including, discussions and/or meetings with government representatives, correspondence, email exchanges, etc. For all discussions and/or meetings please include names, titles, dates and locations of meetings.

Please provide any information, research, work or studies undertaken by Hydro One or provided to Hydro One by a third party (including governments) on Métis traditional land use, Métis harvesting patterns and/or Métis traditional knowledge in the areas surrounding the project or in the geographic region the project is in that were relied upon to assess and/or determine potential effects of the project on Métis rights (proven or asserted) and Métis way of life in the region.

Please provide any information, research, work or studies undertaken by Hydro One or provided to Hydro one by third parties (including governments) that assesses the impacts of the project on the customs, practices and traditions (e.g., food harvesting, gathering, cultural activities) of the Aboriginal peoples living within the areas surrounding the project and the overall geographic region the project is in.

Response

Any research/studies undertaken by Government Ministries and agencies concerning proven or asserted claims made by identified Aboriginal Groups have not been requested or provided to Hydro One. Hydro One has discussed the claims made by the identified Aboriginal Groups with various Government representatives.

Hydro One's role in the identification process was to provide pertinent information about its Project to Government Ministries and agencies so that they could identify potentially affected Aboriginal Groups. Information provided by Hydro One generally concerned routing, construction and ongoing operational activities. Using this information, the contacted Government Ministries and agencies then provided Hydro One with the names

1 of Aboriginal Groups that they considered likely to be affected by the Project. These
2 determinations were made based on information and expertise of the contacted
3 Government Ministries and agencies.

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5 Hydro One, as Project Proponent, has not had any reason to dispute or take further steps
6 on its own accord to question or reassess the identified Aboriginal Groups. Please also
7 refer to responses to Board Staff Interrogatories 6.1 parts (c) and (f).

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9 Materials exchanged with the Government Ministries and agencies have been filed as part
10 of Schedules A and B appended to responses to Board Staff Interrogatories 6.1.

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12 Hydro One has held a number of public information centers along the proposed general
13 route. As well, meetings with identified Aboriginal Groups to discuss issues of concerns
14 have been held. A meeting also took place with the Métis Nation of Ontario on February
15 11, 2008. Further meetings are planned to facilitate discussion and understanding of
16 whether, and if so, to what extent, the Project may potentially cause impacts to traditional
17 land uses, harvesting patterns, customs, practices and traditions (e.g., food harvesting,
18 gathering, cultural activities) of the Aboriginal Peoples living within the areas
19 surrounding the Project.

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21 Hydro One notes that further public consultation as well as consultation specifically with
22 identified Aboriginal Groups is expected to continue throughout this proceeding as well
23 as during the Project's environmental assessment. Hydro One is anticipating that conduct
24 of the environmental assessment will proceed in an inclusive manner allowing
25 appropriate opportunities for identified Aboriginal Groups to provide information and
26 participate in the consideration of potential environmental and socio-economic effects.

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Métis Nation of Ontario INTERROGATORY #3 List 1

Interrogatory

Ref. Exh. B/T 6/S 7

Issue No. 6.0 Consultations with Aboriginal Peoples – Engagement and Working Relationships with Aboriginal Groups

Request

Please provide information and details on any capacity and/or funding support provided to any Aboriginal groups living within the areas surrounding the project or within the overall geographic region in order to engage and/or establish a working relationship with Hydro One on the project.

Response

When Hydro One has held meetings with some of the identified Aboriginal Groups, the topic of capacity support through funding has been raised. Where capacity funding is shown to facilitate the purposes and objectives of the aboriginal consultation process, Hydro One has been willing to consider reasonable funding requests received from identified Aboriginal Groups. Hydro One is prepared to entertain similar discussions with other identified Aboriginal Groups on this topic and within the context of the current state of the Project's review processes.