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## BY COURIER

May 11, 2010

Ms. Kirsten Walli Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON. M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## EB-2009-0425 – Hydro One Networks' Section 92 Application – Toronto Midtown Transmission Reinforcement Project –Response to NRRA Request for Extension of Final Submission

Hydro One has received NRRA's request for an extension to the date for final submission for the Toronto Midtown Transmission Reinforcement Project.

In a community meeting that occurred on May 10, 2010 as part of our ongoing community consultation efforts under the Environmental Assessment process, Hydro One indicated that it is considering relocating the proposed permanent main access shaft location and the construction staging area for the tunnel from the east end of Carstowe Road to the Rosehill Pumping Station located on Mt. Pleasant Rd. (at Carstowe Rd.). A technical study must first be done by the City of Toronto to determine if enough space is available at the Rosehill Pumping Station. If the results of the technical study are positive, real estate would then need to be purchased from the City. The purchase of land would need to be approved at a city council meeting in August.

Hydro One believes that this is a minor potential change to the construction plan for the project and should not impact the dates for final submissions. At this stage, the cost assumptions filed in the S.92 application are still valid. If the change in the access shaft location is made, some costs may increase (e.g. land acquisition) and others may decrease (e.g. construction mitigation contingency due to offstreet access location) but at this point Hydro One is not in a position to change its initial cost estimate. The project will still involve tunnelling in the midtown Toronto area. The only change that may result is a change in the location of the shaft and construction area.

Hydro One respectfully submits that the timelines outlined in Procedural Order 4 should still apply. Sincerely,

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Andrew Skalski

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