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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4 boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: HONI Transmission Revenue Requirement and Rates - EB-2010-0002

I am writing to request intervenor status in this proceeding, on behalf of the Lake Huron Anishinabek Transmission Co. Inc. ("LHATC" or the "company"). LHATC plans to ask for a cost award in this proceeding.

LHATC is a First Nations owned corporation, incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act, which represents the nineteen Robinson-Huron Treaty First Nations. The Company has been created by these First Nations to own and operate electricity transmission projects in their traditional territories. The president of the company is John Beaucage, former Grand Chief of the Union of Ontario Indians. Fogler, Rubinoff LLP serves as energy regulatory counsel to the company. LHATC is a participant in the EB-2010-0059 Transmission Project Development Planning consultation process, and was deemed eligible for costs in that proceeding.

The company and its shareholders are directly affected by Hydro One's proposal because they are planning to apply to the Ontario Energy Board, either alone or as part of a joint venture with another entity(ies), to be the designated transmitter for several transmission projects in Ontario, including the Algoma Sudbury Transmission Expansion, the Manitoulin Island Enabler, and perhaps, the North-South Transmission Expansion. The three projects are among the projects for which Hydro One has requested funding for development work in the test years.

These are lines which traverse either reserve lands or traditional territories of the First Nations sponsors of LHATC.

The LHATC's intervention will be focused on Hydro One's planned activities in respect of the three projects noted above, and related matters.



In its Supplemental Decision on Cost Eligibility, dated May 27, 2010, in which the Ontario Energy Board determined LHATC to be eligible for costs, in EB-2010-0059, the Transmission Project Development proceeding, it stated:

"The Board believes that the LHATC is in a position to bring a <u>unique perspective</u> to this consultation (emphasis added) that is relevant to that part of the Board's mandate that is the subject of the consultation".

LHATC believes it is in a position to bring a unique perspective to aspects of this proceeding as well.

Without a cost award, LHATC will be unable to participate in the proceeding, since, at this early stage of its existence and of the planned projects which it seeks to develop, it does not have the resources available.

The LHATC respectfully requests that the Board deem LHATC eligible for costs in this proceeding.

Please direct any communications with respect to this matter to Mr. Tom Brett, Fogler, Rubinoff LLP (<u>tbrett@foglers.com</u>) and to Mr. John Beaucage (<u>jbeaucage@winddancerpower.com</u>).

Yours truly,

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