

By electronic filing and by e-mail



July 12, 2010

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
27<sup>th</sup> floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP  
Lawyers • Patent & Trade-mark Agents  
World Exchange Plaza  
100 Queen Street, Suite 1100  
Ottawa ON K1P 1J9  
tel.: (613) 237-5160 fax: (613) 230-8842  
www.blgcanada.com

**PETER C.P. THOMPSON, Q.C.**  
direct tel.: (613) 787-3528  
e-mail: pthompson@blgcanada.com

Dear Ms Walli,

**Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”)  
2011-2012 Transmission Rate Case  
Board File No.: EB-2010-0002  
Our File No.: 339583-000057**

This letter contains our reply on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) to comments provided by others on the Draft Issues List.

We support, adopt and have nothing to add to the submissions made by counsel for the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) with respect to the Export Transmission Tariff issue.

We strongly disagree with the suggestion contained on page 2 of Hydro One’s July 12, 2010 letter proposing that a consideration of the appropriate objective measures for evaluating Consumer Impacts and Affordability be excised from the ambit of this proceeding.

For the reasons described in our letter of July 7, 2010, we submit that Affordability is a priority issue that needs to be considered now, and not later, as Hydro One proposes. One cannot evaluate the affordability of Hydro One’s transmission system plans without first determining the objective measurement tool to apply. The fact that the Board’s determination of the appropriate means for objectively measuring affordability in this case may inform its determination in subsequent cases does not detract from the relevance of the issue in this case.

We submit that it would be unfair and unreasonable to parties, such as CME, who are readily interested in Consumer Impacts and Affordability to constrain the scope of the issue in this proceeding as Hydro One proposes.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter C.P. Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter C.P. Thompson, Q.C.

PCT\slc  
c. Anne-Marie Reilly (Hydro One)  
Intervenors EB-2010-0002  
Paul Clipsham (CME)

OTT01\4113129\1

CALGARY • MONTREAL • OTTAWA • TORONTO • VANCOUVER • WATERLOO REGION