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Dear Mr. Nettleton:

**RE: EB-2010-0023 - Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") for Authority to Expropriate Interest in Certain Lands**

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 21, 2010 responding to our request for the establishment of a construction buffer in the vicinity of Ms. Walford's property as well as your email message to the Board. As we have discussed by telephone and as expressed in our letter dated July 16, 2010, Ms. Walford's primary concern is that construction activities on nearby properties not limit opportunities for mitigation measures which may be explored and imposed as part of the EB-2010-0023 proceeding. A buffer zone of the sort we have requested would address this concern.

We acknowledge that it is not presently HONI's intention to begin construction in the vicinity of Ms. Walford's property until November or December of this year. Of course, construction schedules are subject to change. As noted in our original request, we have not yet had the opportunity to deliver interrogatories and to review HONI's responses. We anticipate that HONI's responses to our questions regarding proposals for site specific project design modifications will assist significantly in determining whether any buffer is required pending the ultimate disposition of the EB-2010-0023 proceeding. Would HONI be prepared, therefore, to agree not to carry out physical construction activities within 2 km on either side of Ms. Walford's property pending our receipt of HONI's interrogatory responses in this proceeding and our reasonable opportunity to review those responses and the need for a buffer zone?

If HONI sticks to its current construction schedule, this temporary buffer zone should have no effect on construction activities. Also, even if HONI's plans changed and construction is to proceed prior to our receipt and review of interrogatory

responses, we are asking that a buffer apply only to 4 km of the 12 km zone you have described in your letter. This would allow most of the planned construction to proceed and would limit construction only in the area immediately around Ms. Walford's property, on which no construction activity can take place at this time in any event. Assuming the Board's process moves forward in the normal course, the compromise we are proposing would have no effect on HONI's current plans but would address Ms. Walford's legitimate concern about future limitations on mitigation measures available on her property. It would also obviate the need for any motion to the Board on this issue until at least the completion of our review of HONI's responses to interrogatories and perhaps altogether.

Please advise whether HONI would be willing to defer construction in the alternative manner we have proposed.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,  
**COHEN HIGHLEY LLP**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Goudy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "G".

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