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Ms Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Re:

EB-2010-0229 - Hydro One Networks Request for Exemption from Certain Sections of

the Distribution System Code, and

Hydro One Project #12800 - South Branch Wind Farm

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am writing to relay my perspective on the above noted case currently under consideration by the OEB. Please accept these comments in support of the proposed changes made by Hydro One Networks Inc in regards to Section C of said application.

Prowind Canada Inc is a Canadian wind developer based in Kemptville, Ontario. Our current focus is on development of the South Branch Wind Farm, a 30 MW wind power project located in eastern Ontario that received a FIT Contract in April 2010. Per the Distribution System Code (DSC) our project has 6 months from the date of Connection Impact Assessment (CIA) to complete the Connection Cost Agreement (CCA). For South Branch Wind Farm, this period ends on February 6, 2011. We do not expect to receive the results of our transmission connection assessment until after this date.

I am writing to request that this project, and others in similar circumstance, be considered for an extension to this CIA expiry date either by way of an extension, or by approval of an exemption to DSC rules as has been requested by Hydro One.

I understand that the OEB is addressing this application for DSC exemption submitted by Hydro One Networks Inc (case EB-2010-0229, submitted June 30, 2010), but wanted to support their position with our perspective. We believe this application submitted by Hydro One presents a fair solution and is justified for the reasons they have presented therein.

Without opportunity to review and understand the full scope and cost of connection to the grid, we are not able to commit to a CCA under the present CIA timeline. Under today's rules, if

we do not meet timelines for completing the CCA, we will likely lose our capacity allocation to smaller projects in the vicinity.

Without timely approval of application EB-2010-0229, the South Branch Wind Farm will be unlikely to proceed. In short, it's a project killer.

Ontario's Green Energy Act (GEA) has been designed to encourage renewable energy generation across the Province. Upon review of Hydro One's application for exemption to the DSC rules, it seems apparent that a misalignment between the GEA intent and the DSC rules has been identified and a reasonable solution has been described. Without appropriate and timely measure taken to align the GEA and DSC, the efforts and investment of many developers, such as Prowind will be wasted, and many opportunities for responsible and viable projects satisfying all other aspects of the GEA will be lost.

Regards,

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