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Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: Notice of Application and Hearing
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc.
2011-2014 Board-Approved Conservation and Demand Management Programs
(EB-2010-0331, EB-2010-0332)
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Intention to Participate and Request for
Award of Costs**

Dear Ms. Walli:

As the Chief Administrative Officer of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), I am writing per the Board's Notice of Application and Hearing of November 19, 2010 to indicate TRCA's interest in becoming an intervenor to provide comments on the above application and request an award of costs. As requested, we recommend a written hearing for this application.

Interests Represented

With over 50 years of experience, Toronto and Region Conservation helps people understand, enjoy and look-after the natural environment.

Through the Kortright Centre for Conservation and other activities, TRCA has been pursuing energy conservation and renewable energy efforts with consumers through education and advocacy programs since approximately 1975. TRCA's current strategic plan, "The Living City", was adopted in February, 2006. It strengthens TRCA's commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation programs. Building energy performance improvement in both new and existing buildings is a significant component of TRCA's mandate and is the central aspect of climate change mitigation activities.

TRCA directly represents the interests of a large and growing number of ratepayers responsible for several hundred buildings across multiple sectors (hospitals, municipalities, offices, retail outlets and schools) in Ontario. We are contracted with these ratepayers over multi-year programs to instruct them in energy conservation planning, action and verification, and to represent their interests with the gas companies and LDC's in Ontario. TRCA meets regularly with several of the larger LDC's, the gas companies and the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), providing energy performance data and results of conservation action to help inform conservation programming, and advising them on the needs of building owners in taking effective conservation action. TRCA's workshops serve as focus groups with ratepayers, in which the LDC's and gas companies take part to receive first hand advice on energy conservation and ratepayers' needs.

TRCA's programs play a unique and important role in enabling conservation action in Ontario, and are widely recognized as centres of energy conservation practice and expertise.

TRCA also represents what we believe to be a vital public interest, namely the next level of conservation practice which we have pioneered in Ontario and is now being adopted across Canada. Our experience indicates that the addition of this new approach to the province's conservation mix may prove crucial to achieving Ontario's targets and building our new green economy. We have been the major player in the development of this performance-based conservation programming which is enabling widespread action and deep energy reductions across Ontario. The approach has been adopted nationally by the Canada Green Building Council, is at the heart of the Green Energy Act, and is demonstrating remarkable energy savings in a growing number of buildings.

Through The Living City, TRCA operates several conservation programs focused on helping building owners and managers reduce their energy and environmental footprint. Each program listed below is focused on specific building sectors. More information can be found at www.trca.on.ca.

Greening Health Care

Greening Health Care helps hospitals work together to improve energy and water efficiency and reduce solid waste generation. The program reduces costs, contributes to the health and well-being of communities and demonstrates the health care sector's commitment to fiscal and environmental responsibility. Greening Health Care has current membership of 44 hospital sites across Ontario.

Mayors' Megawatt Challenge

The Mayors' Megawatt Challenge brings municipalities together to improve energy efficiency and environmental management in their own buildings. Through the Mayors' Megawatt Challenge, municipalities demonstrate leadership, inspiring other organizations and individuals to take action towards healthier, more sustainable communities. This program is delivered across Ontario and has 10 municipalities participating, representing close to 4.5 million residents.

Sustainable Schools

Sustainable Schools is a program which identifies and evaluates best practices in green design, commissioning and operations, and helps school boards take action to improve the energy and environmental performance of their new and recently-built schools. As well, Sustainable Schools helps governments and utility companies meet their energy efficiency and environmental goals. They, in turn, provide funding to support design and operation of energy efficient schools, while the benefits are shared by all. There are 68 schools participating across Ontario.

Greening Retail

Greening Retail undertakes research, develops resources and programs, and facilitates demonstration projects to help retailers implement energy conservation and environmental best practices. Greening Retail works in partnership with sector leaders, government agencies and other organizations to provide retailers with the strategies and tools they need in order to take action.

TRCA's Interest in this Issue

Since 2003, TRCA, through The Living City programs has been working with building owners and managers to reduce energy and water consumption in over 40 hospitals, 120 municipal buildings and 100 schools across Ontario. TRCA is in a unique position between the ratepayers in several sectors as potential recipients and the LDCs and gas companies with whom we work closely. We have unparalleled experience in delivering conservation programs and wish to offer ways to enhance the six individual conservation and demand management programs in this hearing which will not only work better for the owners and managers but also assist in their effectiveness in the marketplace.

TRCA's programs (except for Greening Retail) are managed by our consultant, Enerlife Consulting, who will be participating in this process on our behalf. They are currently on your distribution list and their contact information is:

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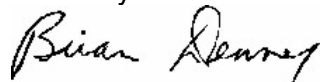
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TRCA's Request for Award of Costs

TRCA is requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards. TRCA primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services and also represents a public interest relevant to conservation in the built environment.

In order to provide meaningful and informed comment on the issues on which the Board is seeking input, TRCA must rely on cost awards to fund the participation of its consultants.

Sincerely



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Chief Administrative Officer

cc. Mr. Scott Miller, Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.
Ms. Anne-Marie Reilly, Hydro One Networks Inc.