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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2008-0150-OEB Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers -
Request for Exemption with respect to Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd.**

In response to the Board's October 20, 2010, letter which provided guidance as to the rate treatment of LEAP emergency financial assistance and information about the Board's expectations for partnerships with social service agencies; Hydro One requests that the Board exempt Hydro One from the LEAP program requirements with respect to the Cat Lake community.

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") is the holder of Interim Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2006-0181, issued under section 59(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. Under this interim licence, Hydro One has been assigned possession and control of certain distribution businesses serving the Cat Lake community. The customers of the Cat Lake Community continue to pay bundled electricity rates, as they did prior to 2006 (when Hydro One first assumed possession and control of the assets serving Cat Lake).

Hydro One agrees with the intent and spirit of the program and will implement this program for its own Distribution customers (under its distribution licence ED-2003-0043). As many of the customers in this relatively small service area fit the "low income" definition (Statscan's 2006 census), Hydro One believes that it would be counter-productive to increase rates to customers in this community, only to re-channel those incremental funds to support the very same customers.

In response to the Board initiating a review of the Cat Lake situation to determine options for a viable long-term solution, Hydro One is assessing the implications of serving “connected remote communities” and has been in discussions with the Board, its staff and the Government on the options for doing so.

It is Hydro One’s view that until a permanent solution is found to address the supply for Cat Lake community, the LEAP requirements should not apply to the community. Once a permanent solution is identified, any appropriate aspects of the LEAP can be integrated as part of a holistic approach to serving the special needs of geographically remote, grid connected communities. Accordingly, the Company requests an exemption from the specifics of this program.

Yours truly,

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