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# BY COURIER

June 23, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON. M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

# EB-2011-0126 – AltaLink Ontario L.P. (AltaLink) Transmission Licence Application – Hydro One Networks Inc. Interrogatory Questions to AltaLink

I am attaching two (2) copies of Hydro One Networks ("Hydro One") interrogatory questions on AltaLink's Evidence. A copy of this cover letter and the attached interrogatory questions have been filed in text-searchable electronic form through the Ontario Energy Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System and the confirmation slip is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

## ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ANDREW SKALSKI

Andrew Skalski

c. AltaLink

Attach.

# AltaLink Ontario LP EB-2011-0126

# Hydro One Networks Inc. Interrogatory Questions

## Reference: AltaLink application, Section 3, Affiliates of Applicant

#### Interrogatory #1

AltaLink indicated, with respect to SNC-Lavalin's ownership of AltaLink L.P. and AltaLink Ontario, L.P., that "on February 11, 2011, SNC-Lavalin announced that it had reached agreement to acquire the remaining indirect interest pursuant to an offer from Macquarie. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals, including approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission."

a) Please provide an update regarding the status of this transaction.

## Reference: AltaLink application, Section 3, Affiliates of Applicant

#### Interrogatory #2

- a) If a transmission licence is granted, please indicate the steps that AltaLink Ontario ("AOLP") will take to ensure it is compliant with all relevant sections of the Affiliate Relationships Code ("ARC").
- b) In light of the Board's recent decision in TransCanada Transmission's licence application (EB-2010-0324) to deny TransCanada's request for a temporary exemption from the ARC, is AOLP prepared to withdraw its own request for such a temporary ARC exemption?
- c) If not, please indicate what is different about the circumstances of AOLP's exemption request from TransCanada's?

# Reference: AltaLink application, Section 5, Technical Ability AltaLink application, Section 6, Information About Each Key Individual

## Interrogatory # 3

In Section 6, the application has identified key individuals that are currently engaged in electricity services.

- a) If a transmission licence is granted, will the key individuals listed in the application be located in Ontario, and if so, when? If not, who will be the key in-province contact(s)?
- b) Other than the key individuals listed, if a licence is granted, will AOLP have both staff and an office in Ontario?
- c) Will AOLP staff share office space with affiliates?
- d) Does AOLP plan to operate all network transmission facilities that it builds and owns in Ontario or will it outsource operations to a third party?
- e) If AOLP intends to operate and maintain transmission facilities in Ontario, what training plans does AOLP have to ensure its staff are trained in provincial transmission operating and maintenance practices and procedures?
- f) If no to part b), please describe how AOLP plans to operate and maintain transmission facilities.

## Interrogatory # 4

In Section 5a) the application says that;

"In addition to its close working relationship with AltaLink on highvoltage transmission projects in Alberta, SNC-Lavalin has also completed several assignments covering planning, design, construction and project management for high-voltage transmission facilities in Ontario."

- a) Please provide three examples of high-voltage transmission projects that SNC-Lavalin has recently completed in Ontario. For each example, please include budgeted versus actual costs and time to complete with explanations for any major variances.
- b) Please provide a listing of any complaints received during the development and construction of these projects along with their resolution.
- c) Please indicate whether SNC-Lavalin was required to consult with any First-Nations/Métis groups as part of these projects, and if so, briefly describe the outcome of the consultation.