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## BY COURIER

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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 LP (AOLP) Updated Response to Hydro One Interrogatory #4

Hydro One acknowledges receipt yesterday of AOLP's updated response to Hydro One's Interrogatory #4 in the above-noted proceeding. This response was received several days after the deadline for filing intervenor submissions under the Board's Procedural Order for this application. Due to an internal miscommunication, Hydro One was not aware that AOLP's updated response was anticipated to be provided in the week of July 25 - 29 and as a result, Hydro One went ahead and filed its submission in the case last week. If it had been aware that AOLP intended to provide its updated response after the deadline for filing, Hydro One would have applied to the Board, as AOLP suggested in its cover letter, for an extension of that date.

That said, Hydro One believes that AOLP's updated response does not substantively address the request for information contained in Hydro One Interrogatory #4. The type of information Hydro One requested was standard project-related reporting and construction management information that was routinely requested from, and provided by, by other transmission licence applicants in the recent round of proceedings. The intent of Hydro One's request was not as AOLP alleges in its cover letter to elicit competitive data or hinder the development of competition in the transmission sector. The intent instead was simply to substantiate the claims of technical capability and project management skills made by AOLP on behalf of one of its affiliates in relation to electricity transmission projects in Ontario. In Hydro One's view, a demonstration of such project management skills is highly relevant to the Board's determination in a licence application. The Board itself noted at page 6 of its recent Decision in respect of TransCanada Transmission's licence application [EB-2010-0324] that "The key areas reviewed by the Board in any licence application are the financial position, technical capability and conduct of an applicant."



Hydro One accordingly stands by its previously-filed submission and reiterates its position that AOLP appears to believe that it does not have to meet the disclosure standards accepted by other recent transmission licence applicants. At this point, however, Hydro One is not requesting any further response from AOLP, or action by the Board, in relation to AOLP's original and updated responses to Hydro One's Interrogatory #4. Hydro One considers the matter closed and the evidentiary base, such as it is, set.

Sincerely,

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