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## BY COURIER

August 29, 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-2011-0063 - Grand Renewable Wind S92 Application - Scope of Hearing

Hydro One is an intervenor in the above-noted proceeding. Hydro One has reviewed both the letter filed by Grand Renewable Wind LP ("GRW") regarding the scope of the proceeding and the response from Haldimand County Hydro Inc. ('HCHI'').

Hydro One supports the position of HCHI regarding the important public interest considerations at play in this proceeding in relation to the need to ensure the efficient and rational build-out of the transmission system. In Hydro One's view, the issues raised by HCHI are important and warrant addressing. Apart from the short-term solution offered by HCHI regarding a Ministerial Directive to address the instant situation, Hydro One notes that also likely to be of assistance in the longer term in addressing the issues raised by this and similar future situations is a robust regional planning approach that would identify load and generation needs over the short, medium and long term and lead to a rational set of transmission and distribution plans. This regional planning approach is the subject of the Board's current proceeding EB-2011-0043. In Hydro One's view, the issues under consideration in the current proceeding are precisely those that are meant to be covered by that initiative.

Hydro One further notes that it disagrees with GRW's assertion that the s. 96 criteria regarding price, reliability and quality of service act to limit the Board's ability to consider the broader scope requested by intervenors. Presumably the duplication of transmission facilities that will result from GRW's apparent unwillingness to provide future connection access to its line, which is the subject of HCHI's concern, will have an impact on the price of electricity service to consumers, and

therefore in Hydro One's view the issue does fall under the s. 96 criteria and the Board does have the required jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY SUSAN FRANK

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Attach.

c. EB-2011-0063 Applicant and Intervenors (email only)