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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

**Re: Board File Number: EB-2011-0140
Electricity Transmitter Designation for the East-West Tie Line
Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One) Response to Intervention Request Objection**


Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, we write in response to the letter of AltaLink Ontario L.P. (AltaLink) dated March 16, 2012, in which AltaLink objects to Hydro One's intervention request.

Hydro One's interest in this proceeding, as a limited partner of EWT LP, is a legitimate and direct one. Hydro One strongly disagrees with the suggestion by AltaLink that Hydro One's intervention request is an attempt to "frustrate the policy goals that underpin" this process or to assist EWT LP in securing "multiple kicks at the can". AltaLink appears to take issue with Hydro One's intervention request solely on the basis that Hydro One's interest in this proceeding is aligned with that of EWT LP. The fact that Hydro One has indicated its support for EWT LP's application does not by any means provide EWT LP with an unfair advantage in this proceeding. To the extent that AltaLink is implying that the Board may render a decision based simply on the number of parties who support or oppose the various applicants, this is entirely without basis.

As the Board is aware, EWT LP has made an application for an electricity transmission licence (EB-2011-0350). It has been requested by AltaLink, an intervenor in that proceeding, that certain issues raised in that proceeding be added to the issues list in this proceeding. In the event those matters are determined to be relevant and deferred to this proceeding, we believe any direct participation by Hydro One in respect of such matters would be far more efficient and helpful to the Board's process than having evidenced adduced through another party such as EWT LP.

In light of the foregoing, Hydro One requests that AltaLink's objection be dismissed and Hydro One's intervention request be granted.

Yours truly,

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cc. Mr. Andrew Skalski