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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli

**RE: EB-2012-0082 Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities:
Lambton – Longwood Transmission Upgrade: Response to Letter from
Haudenosaunee Development Institute**

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") was copied on a letter dated August 20, 2012, to the Board from the Haudenosaunee Development Institute ("HDI") concerning Hydro One's Application for Leave to Construct Transmission in relation to the Lambton – Longwood transmission upgrade ("the Project"). In that letter, the HDI, purporting to speak on behalf of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council ("HCCC"), asserts treaty rights and seeks to participate in this proceeding.

As Hydro One submitted in its reply to the submission of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, the constitutional duty to consult and, where appropriate, to accommodate, corresponds with the potential adverse impacts of a project on an Aboriginal or treaty claim or right. The Project is for reconductoring of an existing line. The required work will have extremely minimal short term impacts on the terrain surrounding the existing line and will result in negligible perceptible changes to the existing line. Given this, the likelihood that the Project will adversely impact any pending treaty or Aboriginal rights claimed by the Haudenosaunee is minute.

Additionally, the HCCC, as distinct from the HDI, represents the Haudenosaunee rights holders. Despite this, and Hydro One's position that no duty to consult the HCCC has arisen in relation to this Project, in the interests of building good relations, Hydro One would be happy to share information about the project with the HCCC and HDI and will meet with the HCCC and HDI if requested.

Best regards,



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