

October 25, 2012

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Re: EB-2012-0031 Hydro One Transmission**

AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink), a regulated transmission owner in Alberta, has been recently informed that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has ordered Hydro One to provide, through the OEB's confidential process, a complete and un-redacted copy of the "*Transmission COPE 2011 Comprehensive Annual Report*".

AltaLink requests the OEB to reconsider such order or at a minimum, provide Hydro One with a two week extension to respond to the order. This extension would allow Hydro One to engage with CEA and the participating members across Canada that are directly impacted by the OEB's order of Hydro One. The OEB's order currently is impacting companies across the entire country in almost every province representing the vast majority of the transmission industry in the country.

The OEB order requires Hydro One to violate the binding confidentiality agreement all participating members have in relation to participating in the Transmission COPE. Each and every member does not have the authority to release to any non-participating party any information or results associated with any other individual participating member. The importance of this confidential obligation cannot be understated.

AltaLink brings to the OEB's attention a similar circumstance in Alberta where the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) requested and directed AltaLink to potentially breach CEA confidentiality provisions. In the AEUB's decision, *Decision 2007-012, page 107 to 108*, the AEUB respected the confidentiality provisions of AltaLink to the CEA and participating members.

Members choose to participate in these benchmarking and data comparison initiatives under the clear agreement of confidentiality. Confidentiality is critical to future participation. Members will no longer participate and share their performance results in such initiatives if they understand confidentiality agreements can be breached through regulatory processes in jurisdictions across Canada. It is through the participation and sharing of such information that members seek to find opportunities to enhance their performance, to the benefit of customers and ratepayers.

As a participating member, AltaLink is very concerned with the loss of this industry opportunity for improvement and the breach of our confidential information.

Respectfully,



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