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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27th floor – 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms Walli,

**Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”)
2013 and 2014 Transmission Revenue Requirement
Board File No.: EB-2012-0031
Our File No.: 339583-000142**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 8 dated November 15, 2012, we are providing our brief submissions with respect to the process for the oral hearing of the concurrent expert witness panel.

We have already made detailed submissions in the recent 2013 Rebasing case of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) in EB-2011-0354, with respect to the appropriate process to follow for the oral hearing of a concurrent expert witness panel. We will not repeat those submissions.

With one exception, we accept, as reasonable, the procedural steps followed by the Board in that proceeding. These steps are specified in paragraphs 1 to 7 of the Board’s Decision on Procedure for Oral Hearing of Concurrent Expert Evidence in that case dated November 15, 2012.

The step in the process adopted in that Decision to which we object is described in paragraph 5 where each expert is given an opportunity to question the opposing experts. In the EGD case, allowing the experts to question one another accomplished little, if anything. We urge the Board to eliminate that step in the process. The questioning of experts by parties opposite in interest to those the experts represent should be conducted by counsel and not by the witnesses.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thompson', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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