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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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**Attention: Ms Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.
Change to Electricity Transmission Revenue Requirement and Rates
HQ Energy Marketing Inc. ("HQEM")
Board File No: EB-2012-0031**

Please find attached the submissions of HQEM in reply to the IESO's January 22 submission on adding an IESO witness.

Sincerely,

signed in the original

George Vegh

- c. Mr. Matthieu Plante, Hydro Québec
- Mr. Yannick Vennes, Hydro Québec
- Ms. H el ene Cossette, Hydro Qu ebec
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a review of an application filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. for an order or orders approving a transmission revenue requirement and rates and other charges for the transmission of electricity for 2013 and 2014

SUBMISSIONS OF HQ ENERGY MARKETING INC. (“HQEM”) IN REPLY TO THE IESO’S JANUARY 22 SUBMISSION ON ADDING AN IESO WITNESS

1. These submissions are made by HQ Energy Marketing Inc. (“HQEM”) in response to the IESO’s proposal that its Manager of Market Development, Darren Finkbeiner, provide oral evidence in this proceeding, either as a member of the concurrent expert witness panel or on his own.
2. HQEM submits that this is a departure from the Board’s practice of requiring witnesses to provide pre-filed evidence so that parties have disclosure of what a witness will testify to. This disclosure is a requirement both of fairness and efficiency. Indeed, the IESO could have provided any written evidence when its evidence was initially filed in May, 2012. HQEM therefore opposes this proposal.
3. However, if the Board does seek the IESO’s assistance in addressing technical issues that arise in this proceeding – and in particular to clarify its understanding of any technical assumptions that may underlie the Experts’ Joint Written Statement – then HQEM submits that the Board use its authority under s. 21 of the *OEB Act* to “require the preparation of evidence”. This way, the Board can identify the issues upon which it may require clarification and the IESO may provide that evidence in writing. The parties will then have the opportunity to conduct discovery in the normal course, i.e., through written interrogatories and/or cross-examination.

4. In this way, that evidence is provided in a more orderly fashion and consistent with Board practice and the *OEB Act, 1998*.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Dated: January 24, 2013

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