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**BY E-MAIL** 

June 17, 2013

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

### Re: Bornish Wind, LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc. and Jericho Wind, Inc. Applications for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities Intervenor Evidence of Hydro One Networks Inc. Board File No. EB-2013-0040 and EB-2013-0041

In accordance with the process documented in Procedural Order No. 4, please find attached Board staff's interrogatories to Hydro One Networks Inc. in the above proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Violet Binette Project Advisor, Applications & Regulatory Audit

Attach

## Board Staff Interrogatories Intervenor Evidence – Hydro One Networks Inc. Bornish Wind, LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc. and Jericho Wind, Inc. EB-2013-0040 and EB-2013-0041 June 17, 2013

# **Interrogatory 1**

At page 1 of the evidence, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") states that:

The Bornish line will be located on a right of way in Middlesex County, on the opposite side of Kerwood Road, Elginfield Road and Nairn Road from Hydro One's 4.8/8.24 kV distribution line for about 11 km. Similarly, the Kerwood line will be located on the opposite side of the right of way on Kerwood Road from Hydro One's 4.8/8.24 kV distribution line for about 7 km. Over the total distance of 18 km, Hydro One Distribution ("Hydro One") serves about 20 customers who reside on the opposite side of the road from Hydro One's existing distribution line. The proposed transmission lines will therefore be located between Hydro One's distribution lines and those customers. In order for Hydro One to serve these or future customers requiring an electrical connection along these routes, Hydro One distribution lines will have to cross the proposed transmission lines at several locations. Some work on these crossings will be required when the transmission lines are built, while other work may need to be performed later, as circumstances arise.

- a) About 20 customers reside on the opposite side of the road from Hydro One's existing distribution line and Hydro One anticipates future customers. In order to understand the rate of growth in new connections, please provide the number of new distribution customers that were connected along the subject 18 km route in the past five years (2008 to 2013 YTD) and the expected new customer connections for the next five years (2013 to 2018).
- b) Please provide the same information as above in part (a) for the number of customer modifications.
- c) Hydro One states that work "will be required when the transmission lines are built?
  - i. Please describe the work that will be required.
  - ii. Please identify if that work is required for current and/or future customers.
  - iii. What is the estimated cost of that work?

## **Interrogatory 2**

At page 2 of the evidence, Hydro One states that:

A distributor's costs of accommodating a generator-transmitter's presence can be recovered from specific new and existing customers, from all distribution ratepayers, from the transmitter, or from a combination thereof. Hydro One notes that neither the Transmission System Code nor the Distribution System Code provides guidance on this issue and that there is no requirement **for transmitters** or transmission-connected generators such as Bornish and Kerwood to sign a connection agreement with Hydro One Distribution that would comprehensively address their impacts on the distribution system. [emphasis added]

- a) Have there been situations in which Hydro One Transmission work has had an impact on the Hydro One Distribution system?
- b) If yes to part (a), please describe the impacts.
- c) If yes to part (a), what agreements and cost recovery structures were put in place?

#### **Interrogatory 3**

At page 2 of the evidence, Hydro One indicates that it is optimistic that a mutual agreement will be reached between the parties in this case.

What is the current status of design requirements and cost recovery discussion between Hydro One and the Applicants?