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Attention: Ms. Kristen Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Board File No.'s - EB-2013-0196/EB-2013-0187/EB-2013-0198

Submissions with respect to Procedural Order No. 1 – Confidential/Redactions

The OEB (the "Board") issued Procedural Order No. 1 on July 3, 2013 in relation to the above-noted Board files.

The Applicants, Hydro One Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc. and Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. filed, on July 11 and 12, 2013 respective, their specific reasons for the redactions associated with the Share Purchase Agreement ("SPA") filed as Exhibit A, Tab 3, Schedule 1 which was contained in their subject matter applications.

Subsection 5.1.6 of the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings ("Guidelines") states as follows:

5.1.6 A party to the proceeding may object to the request for confidentiality by filing an objection with the time specified by the Board. The objection must be served on all other party's to the proceeding, including the party that made the confidentiality request. Where the party requires access to the confidential version of the document in order to submit its objection, the party may request that the Board allow access for that purpose under suitable arrangements as to confidentiality [my emphasis]. Such request shall be made in writing to the Board Secretary or, where the request is made during an oral hearing, directly to the Board. The party that made the confidentiality request may object to the request for access within the time and in the manner specified by the Board.

Pursuant to the above-noted Guidelines, Essex Powerlines Corporation (together with Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro Inc. and Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation) object to the Applicants request for confidentiality.

Further to the above-noted objection, we require access to the confidential version of the document in order to be in a position to reasonably formulate our objections, if any.

We therefore request that the Board allow access for said purpose under suitable arrangements as to confidentiality.

I can advise that we are prepared to execute a Declaration and Undertaking in a form prescribed by the Board in relation to the same.

In light of the request contained herein we respectfully request that the Board allow a reasonable time period for the review and response to the anticipated disclosure of the requested confidential information.

We look forward to the Board's direction in this matter and remain,

Yours very truly,

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