



Board Staff Interrogatories

**Application by Hydro One Networks Inc.
("Hydro One") for an Order or Orders
granting leave to upgrade transmission line
facilities in the Niagara region of Ontario.**

EB-2013-0246

March 3, 2014

Interrogatory No. 1:

Ref: Letters of Comment

The Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) has received a number of letters of comment in relation to Hydro One’s project. As a justification for why the project should not be approved by the Board, some of the letters of comment draw reference to a study, dated November 22, 2012 that was undertaken by Hydro One to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of shifting load from lines south of the Niagara escarpment to lines north of the Niagara escarpment, to accommodate the 230 MW output of the proposed wind farm (the “Feasibility Study”).

Please review the related letters of comments and provide Hydro One’s views and assessment of the concerns that have been noted in these letters specifically in relation to the findings of the Feasibility Study.

Interrogatory No. 2:

Ref: Ex A/Tab 2/Schedule 1

At the above reference, Hydro One states that it intends to apply for approval under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities* (“Class EA”). Has Hydro One applied for and received approval for the proposed facilities in accordance with the Class EA. When is the decision on the Class EA expected?

Interrogatory No. 3:

Ref: Ex B/ Tab 5/ Schedule 2

Please update the Line Construction and In-service Schedule at the above reference.

- End of Document -