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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2013-0416 – Hydro One Networks' 2015 - 2019 Distribution Custom Rate Application and Evidence Filing – Request for Confidential Treatment**

Further to Hydro One Networks' letter of July 8, 2014 and the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Hydro One Networks is requesting that the following documents be granted confidential treatment on the grounds that they contain non-public, forward-looking financial information that applicable securities laws require be treated as confidential (see s.6 of Appendix B of the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings):

- I-1.1-CCC 3 – Attachment 1 "Briefing to the Ministry of Energy: 2015-2019 Distribution Rate Filing (December 3, 2013)";
- I-1.1-SEC 1 – Attachment 2 "Hydro One Inc. 2014 Budget & 2015-2019 Business Plan" (November 14, 2013); and
- I-2.6-Staff 36 – Attachment 1 "Distribution Cost Escalation Tables".

Redacted copies of the above-named documents were enclosed with Hydro One Networks' letter of July 8, 2014.

Hydro One Networks is also requesting that the following documents be granted confidential treatment on the grounds that they contain third party information as described in section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) (see s.5 of Appendix B of the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings):

- I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 1 “IHS Global Insight Power Planner, Fourth-quarter 2012”, a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight Utility Cost Information Service, which contains long-term trend forecasts covering the period 2011-2022 at the macro-economic level and in construction and OM&A costs for electricity and gas utilities;
- I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 2 “Inflation and Exchange Rate Forecast” (February 2013) a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight, which contains forecast summaries of economic indicators for the period 2012-2022 and historical data on economic indicators for 1998-2011;
- I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 3 “IHS Global Insight Power Planner, First-quarter 2014”, a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Power Planner Service (formerly known as IHS Global Insight Utility Cost Information Service), which contains long-term trend forecasts covering the period 2013-2024 at the macro-economic level and in construction and OM&A costs for electricity and gas utilities; and
- I-2.6-SEC 8 – Attachment 4 “Inflation and Exchange Rate Forecast” (2014), a non-public proprietary report prepared by IHS Global Insight which contains forecast summaries of economic indicators for the period 2014-2024 and historical data on economic indicators for 1998-2013.

Public disclosure of any of the above-named documents would be significantly prejudicial to the competitive position of, and would result in undue loss to, IHS Global Insight, which earns revenue from sales of such proprietary reports and data compilations.

Pursuant to the Board’s Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Hydro One Networks will make suitable arrangements to deliver paper copies of confidential materials to intervenors who have filed Declarations and Undertakings accepted by the Board.

Please be advised that, after further consideration of interrogatory 3.1-SEC-22, Hydro One Networks will file with the Board a confidential copy of the outsourcing RFP issued in 2013 to pre-qualified suppliers. Hydro One Networks will provide this additional material once it has been prepared for filing.

Sincerely,

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cc. Intervenors