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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board PO Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("Toronto Hydro")

Custom Incentive Rate-setting Application for 2015-2019 Electricity Distribution Rates and Charges (the "Application") – PSE Engineering Studies Requested by SEC

Toronto Hydro writes to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") in respect of the above-noted matter.

In a letter dated January 9, 2015, the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") requested that Toronto Hydro provide copies of engineering studies authored by Erik S. Sonju, Steve Hall, and Amanda Jutrzonka, which Toronto Hydro believes best demonstrate the authors' expertise relevant to authoring the *Capital Requirements for Serving Developed Environments* study filed at Exhibit 1B, Tab 5, Appendix B ("SEC's Request").

Pursuant to SEC's Request, enclosed are 11 studies authored by the above-mentioned individuals. These studies were prepared by Power System Engineering ("PSE"), or by other firms where the authors previously worked, for specific customers. Accordingly, the studies contain proprietary information concerning assets, operations, system configurations and other business facets of other utilities and/or municipalities. Pursuant to the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, Toronto Hydro requests confidential treatment of the 11 studies attached to this letter.

Toronto Hydro notes that there are generally two types of studies included in the package: (a) detailed engineering design projects, comprised largely of drawings and underlying calculations; and (b) comprehensive planning studies that include options assessments, assumptions development, cost

estimates, and other types of engineering analytics. The former type of studies are representative of Steve Hall's expertise, who is employed at PSE as a Senior Designer and has contributed to the *Capital Requirements for Serving Developed Environments* by working with electrical service designs for each of the examined density areas. The latter types of studies are indicative of Erik Sonju's expertise, who is the Vice President of Power Delivery and Design at PSE, and has developed the study's concept and performed the calculations underlying its findings. None of the documents attached to this letter have been authored by Amanda Jutrzonka, as she is employed at PSE in the capacity of an Administrative Assistant, and contributed to the study in question by performing non-technical background research on Toronto's history and demographics.

To facilitate SEC's objective of ascertaining Erick Sonju and Steve Hall's expertise in planning, design, and costing of utility systems of various environments and configurations, Toronto Hydro endeavored to provide the parties copies of studies that address service areas of various densities (e.g., urban, suburban etc), generally corresponding to those discussed in the *Capital Requirements for Serving Developed Environments* study. Toronto Hydro trusts that this information will be both helpful and sufficient to satisfy SEC's Request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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