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**VIA RESS, EMAIL AND COURIER**

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: EB-2014-0213 – Hydro One application to purchase Woodstock Hydro**

We are counsel to Hydro One Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. ("**Hydro One**") in the above-noted proceeding. As the Board is aware, the oral portion of EB-2014-0213 commenced on January 15, 2015. As Hydro One's witnesses have remained empaneled during this time period, rules of professional conduct have precluded communication to occur with counsel, unless exemption from the Board is first obtained.

Given that a recommencement date for this proceeding has yet to be determined, I am requesting such exemption be granted in these circumstances. Other business matters are requiring Hydro One's witnesses to meet and consult with counsel. I would also like the opportunity to discuss matters concerning the final argument in this proceeding which relates to the evidentiary record developed to date. I undertake not to abuse the process by attempting to counsel the witnesses to have them change unfavorable answers, should there be any.

Yours truly,

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