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BY EMAIL AND COURIER

Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: File Number EB-2015-0004, Hydro Ottawa Limited - Application for 2016-2020 Distribution Rates (the “Application”), Request for Directions

This letter is submitted on behalf of Rogers Communications Partnership, TELUS Communications Company and Quebecor Media (collectively, the “Carriers”) to seek directions from the Board on the process established for the above-referenced proceeding.

The Carriers’ participation in this proceeding relates to Hydro Ottawa’s request for an increase in its pole attachment rate from \$22.35 to \$57.00 per pole per year in 2016 and thereafter to be adjusted annually for inflation in 2017-2020. The basis for this request is currently set out in one and a half pages of evidence contained in the Application.

In Procedural Order No. 1 issued June 12, 2015, the Board established a process for the hearing of the Application, including interrogatories from intervenors and a technical conference. The process, however, does not include provision for the filing of evidence by intervenors on issues raised by the Application, including in respect of Hydro Ottawa’s request for an increase in its pole attachment rate. While the Carriers do not wish to pre-judge the results of the interrogatory and other processes established by Procedural Order No. 1, there is a very high likelihood that the Carriers will consider it necessary to submit evidence in this proceeding relating to, inter alia, the methodology used to determine the pole attachment rate as well as the cost inputs used in that methodology to establish Hydro Ottawa’s pole attachment rate, in order to establish a complete evidentiary record on these issues. In the circumstances, the Carriers seek

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directions from the Board on the procedures for submitting intervenor evidence in this proceeding relating to the pole attachment rate issue.

Sincerely,



Leslie J. Milton

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