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BY EMAIL AND COURIER

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

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

We are writing in response to Mr. Cass's email yesterday at 4:46 pm indicating, for the first time, that, at tomorrow's hearing, Hydro Ottawa intends to conduct examination-in-chief of its witnesses and "make use of" further documents, which were circulated for the first time yesterday.

The Carriers strongly object to any further evidence-in-chief by Hydro Ottawa, whether *viva voce* or documentary.

Procedural Order 9 clearly indicates that, "The purpose of the hearing on October 16, 2015 is to provide an opportunity to the parties for cross-examination of the Hydro Ottawa, Allstream and the Carrier's witness panels on the issue of the appropriate pole attachment rate." (p.4) (emphasis added).

There is no provision in Procedural Order 9 or any of the past procedural orders for further evidence-in-chief to be part of Friday's proceedings. Furthermore, until late yesterday, there had been no suggestion by Hydro Ottawa that it intended to lead any further evidence. It is to be noted that Hydro Ottawa has not even framed its intention as a request of the Board but rather asserts its intention to call further evidence as if by right.

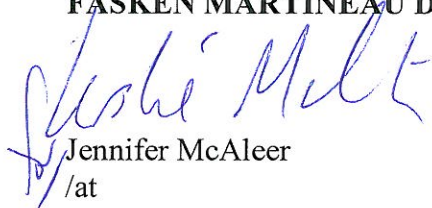
The Carriers have had no disclosure as to what new oral evidence Hydro Ottawa now seeks to lead and will certainly have no opportunity to consider, review or challenge the evidence if it is heard for the first time tomorrow. This would obviously cause significant prejudice to the Carriers.

The Carriers respectfully submit that the integrity of the Board's process and procedural fairness dictate that parties cannot simply assert a right to lead new evidence at the 11th hour, particularly where the procedural rights of the parties have been clearly set out in the numerous procedural orders issued by the Board.

There is a process to be followed. Evidence was filed; interrogatories were prepared; a technical conference was held; undertakings were given; motions were brought and procedural orders were made. It is simply unfathomable that at this late stage, Hydro Ottawa is asserting a right to lead new evidence. The Carriers intend to object tomorrow to any attempt to do so for the reasons stated above.

Yours truly,

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cc Applicant and other interested parties