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## BY COURIER

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

### EB-2006-0180 and EB-2015-0282: Status Report on Operations of Cat Lake

Hydro One is providing this update to the Board in advance of the expiry on October 23, 2015 of the current Interim Distribution Licence for Cat Lake.

In a Decision and Order dated July 21, 2006 (EB-2006-0180), the Board issued an order (ED-2006-0181) deeming as distribution assets all the transmission assets owned by the Cat Lake Public Utility, and issued a 3-month interim distribution licence to Hydro One. The Board ordered Hydro One to take possession and control of the deemed distribution assets owned by Cat Lake Power and the distribution assets in the Cat Lake community owned by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation. Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") assumed possession and control of the assets covered by this order at 12:01 am on August 14, 2006. The Board has subsequently amended the interim electricity distribution licence ED-2006-0181, and has extended it for consecutive 3-month terms, most recently on July 24, 2015 (EB-2015-0222). Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("Remotes") is still expecting to file a MAADs application to include Cat Lake in Remotes' service territory, as noted by the Board in its Decision and Order in Remotes' 2013 rate application (EB-2012-0137), once an agreement with the community has been reached and required government approvals have been secured.

This progress report updates the report that Hydro One filed on July 15, 2015. It covers the Cat Lake utility activities to date and provides financial results until September 30, 2015.

### Tracking of Cost

As directed, Hydro One is recording the revenues from the customers in the Cat Lake community and the "costs of operation and maintenance of the system." The energy costs, OM&A costs and



capital costs are recorded separately. As of September 30, 2015, the total costs recorded since taking possession and control are as follows:

Cumulative	Costs	incurred	by	Hy	dro	One	for	Cat	Lake

Capital:	\$1,083,751
OM&A:	\$4,041,305
Cost of Energy:	\$2,680,429
Interest Cost:	\$175,637
Total	\$7,981,123

# Tracking of Revenue

Bills have been issued to customers on a monthly basis, with the most recent bills in the reporting period issued in September 2015. The total amount invoiced at that time was approximately \$1,255,237. This amount includes HST, arrears, and late payment charges where applicable. The issued bills include the following amounts:

Total	\$1,255,237
Overdue (90+days):	\$1,113,234
Overdue (70-89 days):	\$8,296
Overdue (40-69 days):	\$28,126
Current (0-39 days):	\$105,582

As of September 30, 2015, Hydro One has cumulatively collected the following amounts from Cat Lake customers (rounded to the nearest dollar):

September to December 2006	\$29,787
January to December 2007	\$477,319
January to December 2008	\$477,751
January to December 2009	\$437,198
January to December 2010	\$446,712
January to December 2011	\$488,469
January to December 2012	\$566,363
January to December 2013	\$298,490
January to December 2014	\$234,072
January to March 2015	\$63,548
April to June 2015	\$208,888
July 2015	\$54,290
August 2015	\$40,107
September 2015	\$32,153
Total	\$3,855,145



## Regulatory Assets account balance

As of September 30, 2015 the balance in the deferral account related to Cat Lake is \$4,125,977.

## **Operations**

Operations were normal with no significant events during the three-month reporting period (July – September 2015).

## Planned Work and Further Reporting

Below are updates to previously planned but incomplete work and other reporting items for Cat Lake:

- 1. **Restocking of depleting inventory** [\$300,000] Status (Unchanged).
- 2. Cat Lake transmission and distribution work: Work to correct the electrical clearance on a transmission line tap for Cat Lake was completed in July 2015 due to rescheduled outage dates on the E1C.
- 3. **Revenues:** The values in overdue amounts continue to reflect the impact of the suspension of Hydro One's collections program for substantial periods in 2013 and 2014. Although the collections program has been reactivated since it was temporarily deactivated in 2014, the implementation has been conservative, to ensure that the process is sound and addresses the appropriate customers.

Hydro One continues to operate the Cat Lake system and to manage issues associated with its operations. We will also continue to inform the Board and its staff of any significant issues, to solicit advice and guidance as needed, and to provide information in support of the Board's review of the Cat Lake situation.

Sincerely,

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