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BY E-MAIL

April 22, 2016

Mark Danelon Director, Finance and Regulatory Affairs E.L.K. Energy Inc. 172 Forest Avenue Essex ON N8M 3E4

Dear Mr. Danelon:

Re: E.L.K. Energy Inc.

Application for Licence Amendment Board File Number EB-2016-0155

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received E.L.K. Energy Inc.'s application for a service area amendment on April 12, 2016. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2016-0155 to the application.

A preliminary review of the application revealed that E.L.K. Energy Inc. has not met the **minimum** filing requirements for a service area amendment application. Therefore the application cannot be processed until the following has been filed:

1. Section 7.2 Efficient Rationalization of the Distribution System:

For the OEB to assess the proposed service area amendment, a **comparison** of the economic and engineering efficiency for E.L.K. and Hydro One must be provided. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain and provide the required information, including information from the incumbent distributor before the application is filed with the OEB.

In light of the above, provide detailed and complete responses to all questions in section 7.2.1 of the Filing Requirements. In your responses provide a **comparison** of E.L.K's and Hydro One's assets, location of the assets, connection costs, etc. required to serve customers in the area that is the subject of this service area amendment application.

- 2. Provide a detailed map which includes existing distribution lines and facilities of both E.L.K and Hydro One available to serve the proposed amendment area.
- 3. If Hydro One supports your application for the service area amendment, you must file a letter from Hydro One confirming that it will be more economically efficient for E.L.K. to serve the subject area.
- 4. If Hydro One does not support your application, you must provide the following as required in sections 7.5.3 to 7.5.7 of the Filing Requirements:
 - i. Hydro One's offer to connect the subject area;
 - ii. Financial evaluations of the offers to connect carried out in accordance with Appendix B of the Distribution System Code;
 - iii. A **comparison** of the E.L.K.'s and Hydro One's offers to connect;
 - iv. A detailed **comparison** the electrical infrastructure (new or existing) necessary for E.L.K. and Hydro One to serve the area that is the subject of this application;
 - v. Outage statistics and reliability of service for E.L.K. and Hydro One.

The OEB will resume processing your application once the above information has been filed. If the above information is not filed within 30 days of the date of this letter, the OEB may close the file for this application.

Please file two paper copies of the additional material and an electronic version in Word and in searchable Adobe Acrobat (if available) with the Board Secretary. Electronic copies may be submitted on CD or by e-mail to boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Irina Kuznetsova, Advisor at +1 (416) 440-8138 or e-mail, Irina.Kuznetsova@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Pickernell Applications Administration