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- 2 a) Please describe all measures undertaken by Hydro One to ensure First Nations inclusion
- 3 in the stakeholder sessions that took place on February 11, 2015, August 6, 2015, and
- 4 January 11, 2016, and the stakeholder session held on April 27, 2016, on Hydro One's
- 5 proposed transmission scorecard and cost efficiencies, productivity improvements and
- 6 KPIs.
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- 8 b) Please list which, if any, First Nation governments and First Nation organizations Hydro
- 9 One invited to the stakeholder sessions listed in Question 1(a).
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- 11 c) Please describe any and all assistance Hydro One made available to First Nation entities
- 12 to facilitate their attendance at the stakeholder sessions listed in Question 1(a).
- 13
- 14 d) Please provide all input that Hydro One has sought and received from First Nations
- 15 governments, groups and businesses with respect to its proposed transmission scorecard
- 16 and cost efficiencies, productivity improvements and KPIs, and specifically from First
- 17 Nations governments and organizations in the regions of Northwest Ontario and
- 18 North/East of Sudbury.
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20 **Response:**

- 21 a) Hydro One invited all intervenors of record from Hydro One's EB-2014-0140 transmission
- 22 rates proceeding to the stakeholder sessions. This is consistent with the normal practice that
- 23 is accepted by the OEB. Notice of Hydro One's EB-2014-0140 proceeding, to set 2015 and
- 24 2016 transmission rates, was provided to the public by the OEB. The OEB's Notice included
- 25 an invitation to become an active participant in that proceeding.
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- 27 b) Please see the response to part a) of this question.
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- 29 c) As prescribed by the OEB, Hydro One pays the costs incurred for interested parties to
- 30 participate in proceedings Hydro One brings before the OEB. Cost award Decisions are
- 31 issued by the OEB at the conclusion of each proceeding. This includes participation in
- 32 stakeholder sessions.
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- 34 d) Please see the response to part a) of this question.

- 1 b) Hydro One interprets “remote” to refer to customers that are not connected to the Grid, and
 2 therefore the proposed changes to the transmission charges will not have an impact on the
 3 bill of remote customers.
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- 5 c) Yes, Hydro One can estimate the expected increase for typical residential customers in non-
 6 remote First Nations in 2017 and 2018 caused by the proposed changes to the Transmission
 7 rates. Non-remote First Nations residential customers are classified as either medium-density
 8 residential (“R1”), or low-density residential (“R2”). The bill impact of the proposed
 9 changes to transmission rates will depend on the residential class a customer is in, as well as
 10 the customer’s monthly kWh consumption.
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- 12 d) As stated in part (c), the non-remote First Nations residential customers are classified as
 13 either medium-density residential (“R1”), or low-density residential (“R2”). While the
 14 applicable rates are the same for both First Nations communities and non-First Nations
 15 communities within each rate class, consumption for customers in northern Ontario can be
 16 higher than their counterparts in southern Ontario. The bill impacts on low, typical and high
 17 consuming R1 and R2 customers in northern Ontario are determined using the same
 18 approach as Table 3 in Exhibit H1, Tab 5, Schedule 1, which looks at how the proposed
 19 changes to transmission rates will affect the Retail Transmission Service Rates (“RTSRs”)
 20 for Hydro One’s distribution-connected customers. The table below provides the bill impacts
 21 on typical Hydro One non-Remote First Nations residential customers in northern Ontario at
 22 low, typical and high consumption levels. Customers with electric space heating and electric
 23 water heating are commonly high consuming.
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Typical Hydro One FN R1 and R2 Residential Customer Bill Impacts in Northern Ontario

	R1 Residential Customer			R2 Residential Customer		
	500 kWh	1150 kWh	2300 kWh	500 kWh	1150 kWh	2300 kWh
Total Bill as of Jan 1, 2016 ¹	\$ 131.61	\$ 255.80	\$ 475.51	\$ 151.36	\$ 83.98	\$ 518.62
RTSR included in 2016 R1 Customer's Bill	\$ 6.24	\$ 14.35	\$ 28.71	\$ 6.13	\$ 14.11	\$ 28.21
Estimated 2017 RTSR ²	\$ 6.46	\$ 14.86	\$ 29.72	\$ 6.35	\$ 14.60	\$ 29.21
2017 increase in Monthly Bill	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00
<i>2017 increase as a % of total bill</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.1%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
Estimated 2018 Monthly RTSR ²	\$ 6.79	\$ 15.61	\$ 31.23	\$ 6.67	\$ 15.34	\$ 30.69
2018 increase in Monthly Bill	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.51	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.48
<i>2018 increase as a % of total bill</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>

¹Total bill including HST, based on time-of-use commodity pricing effective May 1, 2016 and 2016 distribution rates approved per Distribution Rate Order EB-2015-0079

²The impact on RTSR is assumed to be the net impact on average Transmission rates, as per Table 2, adjusted for Hydro One's revenue disbursement allocator per approved 2016 UTRs

Witness: Henry Andre

1 Hydro One residential customers in more densely-populated areas, such as southern Ontario,
 2 are typically classified as an R1 customer. The bill impacts on low, typical and high
 3 consuming R1 customers in are provided in the table below using the same approach as
 4 Table 3 in Exhibit H1, Tab 5, Schedule 1.
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Typical Hydro One R1 Residential Customer Bill Impacts in Southern Ontario

	R1 Residential Customer		
	400 kWh	900 kWh	1850 kWh
Total Bill as of Jan 1, 2016 ¹	\$ 112.50	\$ 208.03	\$ 389.54
RTSR included in 2016 R1 Customer's Bill	\$ 4.99	\$ 11.23	\$ 23.09
Estimated 2017 RTSR ²	\$ 5.17	\$ 11.63	\$ 23.91
2017 increase in Monthly Bill	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.82
<i>2017 increase as a % of total bill</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
Estimated 2018 Monthly RTSR ²	\$ 5.43	\$ 12.22	\$ 25.12
2018 increase in Monthly Bill	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.21
<i>2018 increase as a % of total bill</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>

¹Total bill including HST, based on time-of-use commodity pricing effective May 1, 2016 and 2016 distribution rates approved per Distribution Rate Order EB-2015-0079

²The impact on RTSR is assumed to be the net impact on average Transmission rates, as per Table 2, adjusted for Hydro One's revenue disbursement allocator per approved 2016 UTRs

Response:

a) For Hydro One Service Territory performance, please refer to Figures in Exhibit B1, Tab 1, Schedule 3, for following measures:

Figure	Page	Question	Measure
Figure 8a	23	(i)	the frequency of momentary interruptions
Figure 8b	23	(ii)	the frequency of sustained interruptions
Figure 9	24	(iii)	overall frequency of interruptions, including both momentary and sustained interruptions
Figure 10	24	(iv)	the duration of sustained interruptions
Figure 11	25	(v)	delivery point unreliability
Figure 14	28	(vii)	CDPP outliers

For (vi), delivery point unreliability outliers, please refer (vii) for details.

2. The performance data in the filing doesn't include remote communities since it is not integrated with the bulk electric system and we don't have readily available performance data for the system supplying remote communities.

Following tables are provided for Northern transmission system performance:

i) Frequency of Momentary Interruptions

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of momentary interruptions	285	313	370	219	304	253	270	368	217	272
# of DPs in Northern Region	150.5	150.0	150.6	149.2	147.5	146.4	146.7	148.6	149.2	148.6
T-SAIFI-m*	1.89	2.09	2.46	1.47	2.06	1.73	1.84	2.48	1.45	1.83

*T-SAIFI-m= Total number of momentary interruptions / total number of DP monitored

ii) Frequency of Sustained Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of sustained interruptions	375	330	276	233	174	222	267	198	180	244
# of DPs in Northern Region	150.5	150.0	150.6	149.2	147.5	146.4	146.7	148.6	149.2	148.6
T-SAIFI-s*	2.49	2.20	1.83	1.56	1.18	1.52	1.82	1.33	1.21	1.64

*T-SAIFI-s= Total number of sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

iii) Overall Frequency of Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of overall interruptions	660	643	646	452	478	475	537	566	397	516
# of DPs in Northern Region	150.5	150.0	150.6	149.2	147.5	146.4	146.7	148.6	149.2	148.6
T-SAIFI-all*	4.38	4.29	4.29	3.03	3.24	3.24	3.66	3.81	2.66	3.47

*T-SAIFI-all= Total number of momentary and sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

iv) Duration of Sustained Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Duration of sustained interruptions (minutes)	23108	22555	29650	14167	37063	86609	52229	29136	17466	26512
# of DPs in Northern Region	150.5	150.0	150.6	149.2	147.5	146.4	146.7	148.6	149.2	148.6
T-SAIDI*	153.5	150.4	196.9	95.0	251.2	591.6	356.0	196.1	117.1	178.4

*T-SAIDI= Total duration of sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

v) Delivery Point Unreliability Index:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Unsupplied Energy (MW× minutes)	142549	127241	126905	62776	125811	297938	215415	194942	111602	125489
System Peak Load (MW)	2179.6	2079.2	1952.0	1971.8	2025.7	2054.7	1995.3	2010.5	1856.1	1822.7
DPUI*	65.4	61.2	65.0	31.8	62.1	145.0	108.0	97.0	60.1	68.8

*DPUI = Total unsupplied energy / system peak load

vi) Delivery point Unreliability Outliers: please refer to (vii) for details

vii) CDPP Outliers:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total # of DPs in Northern Region	148	149	149	150	152	149
# of Outliers in Northern Region	64	56	53	53	65	not available

3. First Nation Communities, as provided in this IR, plus Nipigon provided in Anwaatin IR #5 are supplied by following Hydro One transmission delivery points:

- Beardmore DS #2
- Long Lac TS
- Moosonee DS
- Nipigon DS
- Red Rock DS

Moosonee and Moose Factory Community is also supplied by Kashechewan CTS and Fort Albany CTS which are not in Hydro One's transmission service territory and they are excluded from the performance study.

Following tables are provided for the transmission system supplying First Nation Communities:

i) Frequency of Momentary Interruptions

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of momentary interruptions	8	13	6	2	8	12	5	9	3	7
# of DPs Supplying First Nation Communities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
T-SAIFI-m*	1.60	2.60	1.20	0.40	1.60	2.40	1.00	1.80	0.60	1.40

*T-SAIFI-m = Total number of momentary interruptions / total number of DP monitored

ii) Frequency of Sustained Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of sustained interruptions	9	20	6	10	12	9	7	13	6	5
# of DPs supplying First Nation Communities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
T-SAIFI-s*	1.80	4.00	1.20	2.00	2.40	1.80	1.40	2.60	1.20	1.00

*T-SAIFI-s = Total number of sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

1 iii) Overall Frequency of Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of overall interruptions	17	33	12	12	20	21	12	22	9	12
# of DPs supplying First Nation Communities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
T-SAIFI-all*	3.40	6.60	2.40	2.40	4.00	4.20	2.40	4.40	1.80	2.40

*T-SAIFI-all = Total number of momentary and sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

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 3 iv) Duration of Sustained Interruptions:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Duration of sustained interruptions (minutes)	427	1303	1144	570	4251	1855	759	3449	2784	2614
# of DPs supplying First Nation Communities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
T-SAIDI*	85.4	260.6	228.8	114.0	850.2	371.0	151.8	689.8	556.8	522.8

*T-SAIDI = Total duration of sustained interruptions / total number of DP monitored

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 5 v) Delivery Point Unreliability Index:

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Unsupplied Energy (MW×minutes)	1452	6951	962	4164	19869	15267	3171	13996	15206	14828
System Peak Load (MW)	41.5	39.5	38.6	35.3	29.5	31.0	29.7	32.5	32.0	32.0
DPUI*	35.0	175.9	24.9	118.1	673.8	492.6	106.7	430.2	474.8	463.9

*DPUI = Total unsupplied energy / system peak load

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 7 vi) Delivery point Unreliability Outliers: please refer (vii) for details

1 vii) CDPP Outliers:

Year	Hydro One Delivery Points
2010	LONGLAC TS, MOOSONEE DS
2011	LONGLAC TS, MOOSONEE DS
2012	LONGLAC TS, MOOSONEE DS
2013	MOOSONEE DS
2014	LONGLAC TS, MOOSONEE DS, BEARDMORE #2 DS
2015	not available

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3 b) Please refer to Exhibit B1, Tab 1, Schedule 3, Attachment 1 for Hydro One’s CDPP
4 Standard.

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6 c) Customer focus is best described as an attribute or value that is an integral part of Hydro
7 One’s corporate culture rather than a separate process and metric. As such, the measurement
8 of customer focus is reflected in the proposed Transmission Regulatory Scorecard in Exhibit
9 B2, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1. The Performance Outcomes, Performance Categories
10 and Measures proposed in this Scorecard measure overall corporate performance which in
11 turn is driven by underlying processes and actions. Thus the specific measures that directly
12 relate to customer outcomes and experience in this proposed Scorecard illustrate Hydro
13 One’s emphasis and measure of customer focus. The Performance Categories that directly
14 relate to customer outcomes are Service Quality, Customer Satisfaction and System
15 Reliability. The results for the corresponding Measures are listed in Attachment 1 for the
16 years 2011 to 2015.

1 **Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) INTERROGATORY #004**

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3 **Reference:**

4 Exhibit B 1, Tab 1, Schedule 3, Attachment 1
5 Exhibit 81, Tab 1, Schedule 2, pages 9-10 of 13

6
7 **Interrogatory:**

8 Hydro One has committed to business objectives including customer focus, operational
9 effectiveness, public policy responsiveness and financial performance. Transparency with
10 respect to delivery charges is essential for ratepayers to understand whether these objectives have
11 been met.

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13 The First Nations community members affiliated with Anwaatin's intervention experience
14 significant delivery charges that may not be transparent.

- 15
16 a) Please provide a detailed explanation and calculations for each and all of the delivery charges
17 on a typical bill sent to ratepayers located in each of the Aroland First Nation, Moose Factory
18 and Moosonee, Rocky Bay First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band, Geraldton, Nipigon and
19 Beardmore in the planning regions of Northwest Ontario and North/East of Sudbury (Please
20 ensure that the calculations are accurate to the penny and clearly show the fixed and variable
21 rates for time-of-use pricing and tiered pricing and winter versus summer rates).
22
23 b) Please compare the calculations provided in response to Question 4(a) to delivery charges in
24 bills sent to ratepayers in more densely-populated areas of southern Ontario.

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26 **Response:**

- 27 a) The Delivery charges for Distribution-connected residential customers served by Hydro One
28 include the following:
29
30 a. Distribution Service Charge (\$/customer/month)
31 b. Distribution Volumetric Rate (\$/kWh)
32 c. Retail Transmission Rates (“RTSR”) (\$/loss-adjusted kWh)
33 d. Cost of Line Losses (\$/kWh line losses)

34
35 The applicable distribution and transmission (“RTSR”) rates vary by customer rate class.
36 The year-round residential customers in the specified communities, which include First
37 Nations communities, consist of customers in R1 and R2 rate classes. Hydro One

Distribution's currently approved 2016 Delivery Rates are available on the following Hydro One website:

http://www.hydroone.com/RegulatoryAffairs/Documents/EB-2015-0079/Rate_Order_HONI_Dx%20_20160114.pdf

Only the cost of electricity associated with distribution losses are included in the Delivery line. Residential customers pay the cost of electricity losses at the Regulated Price Plan ("RPP"), which is either Time of Use or Tiered Prices, depending on the metering services available at the customer's service point. Details on RPP rates are available on the following OEB website:

<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Consumers/Electricity/Electricity+Prices>

This application deals *only* with proposed changes to the transmission charges, which will affect the RTSRs for Hydro One's distribution connected customers. The following table provides the 2016 Delivery charges for year-round residential customers in northern Ontario communities which typically consume 1150 kWh of electricity per month. The impacts are determined using the same method as Table 3 in Exhibit H1, Tab 5, Schedule 1.

Community	Rate Class (density based)	Average Residential Consumption in Northern Ontario (kWh)	Dx Service Charge	Dx Volumetric Charge	Tx (RTSR) Charges	Cost of Line Losses*	Total Delivery
Moose Factory and Moosonee, Red Rock Indian Band, Rocky Bay First Nations, Nipigon, Geraldton, Beardmore	R1	1150	30.11	34.39	14.35	9.77	88.62
Aroland First Nation	R2	1150	41.36	48.99	14.11	13.00	117.46

* Based on TOU prices for electricity

b) Residential customers in more densely-populated areas, such as southern Ontario are typically classified as medium density (R1). The Delivery charges for an R1 customer consuming 900 kWh is provided in the table below.

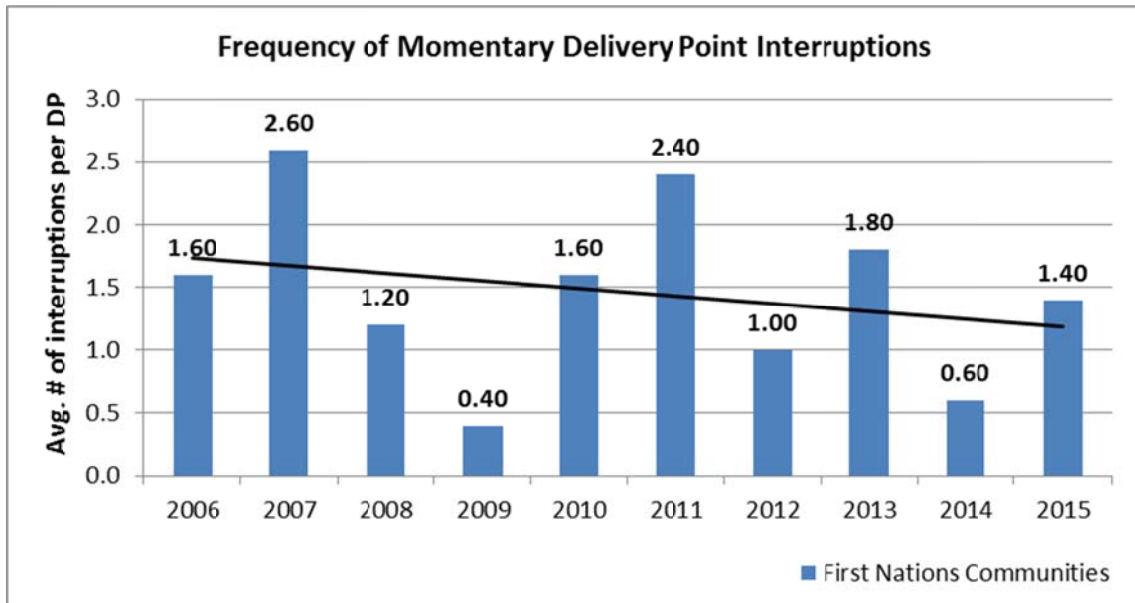
Rate Class	Consumption (kWh)	Dx Service Charge	Dx Volumetric Charge	Tx (RTSR) Charges	Cost of Line Losses*	Total Delivery
R1	900	30.11	26.91	11.23	7.65	75.90

* Based on TOU prices for electricity

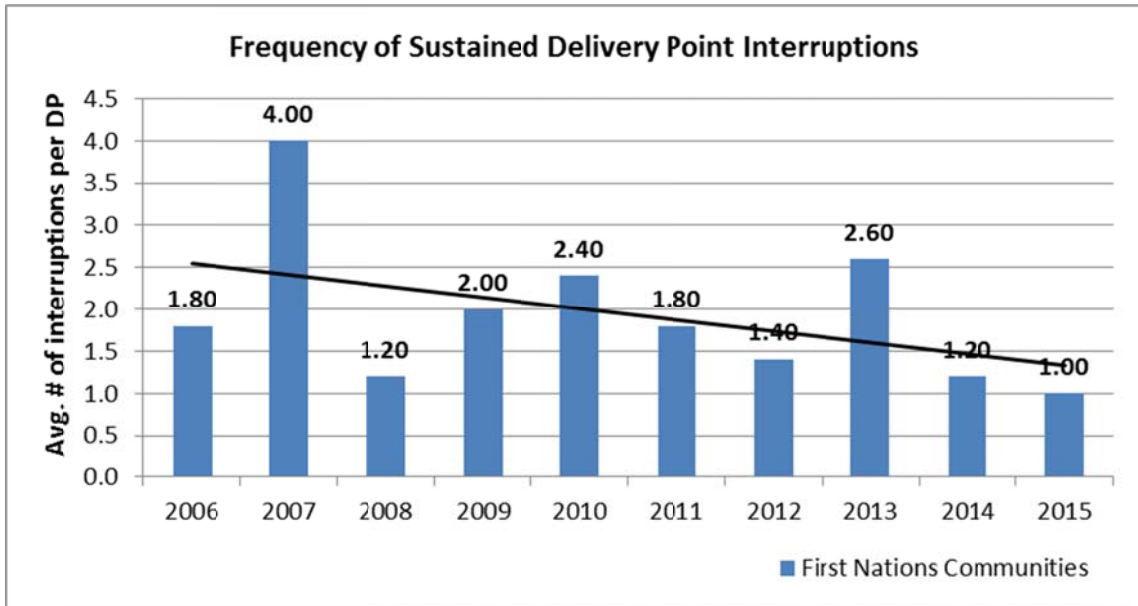
- 1 i. transmission system reliability trends plotted on a graph showing each of the last 10
- 2 years;
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- 4 ii. the annual backlog, if any, of preventative maintenance for transmission lines, including
- 5 vegetation management, plotted on a graph, showing each of the last 10 years;
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- 7 iii. please provide a list of any high risk assets in sub-optimal condition; and
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- 9 iv. a table showing a list of all of Hydro One's transmission assets, their age, their originally-
- 10 anticipated replacement date and their actual or anticipated replacement date.
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12 **Response:**

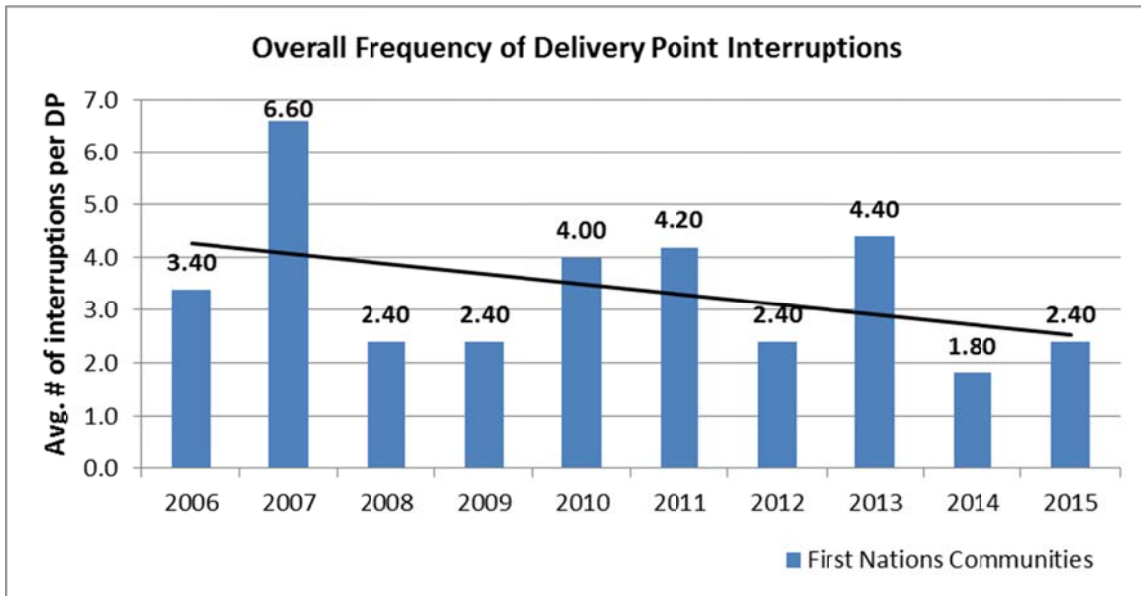
- 13 i. Following graphs provide transmission reliability performance and trends for five delivery
- 14 points serving the identified territories.
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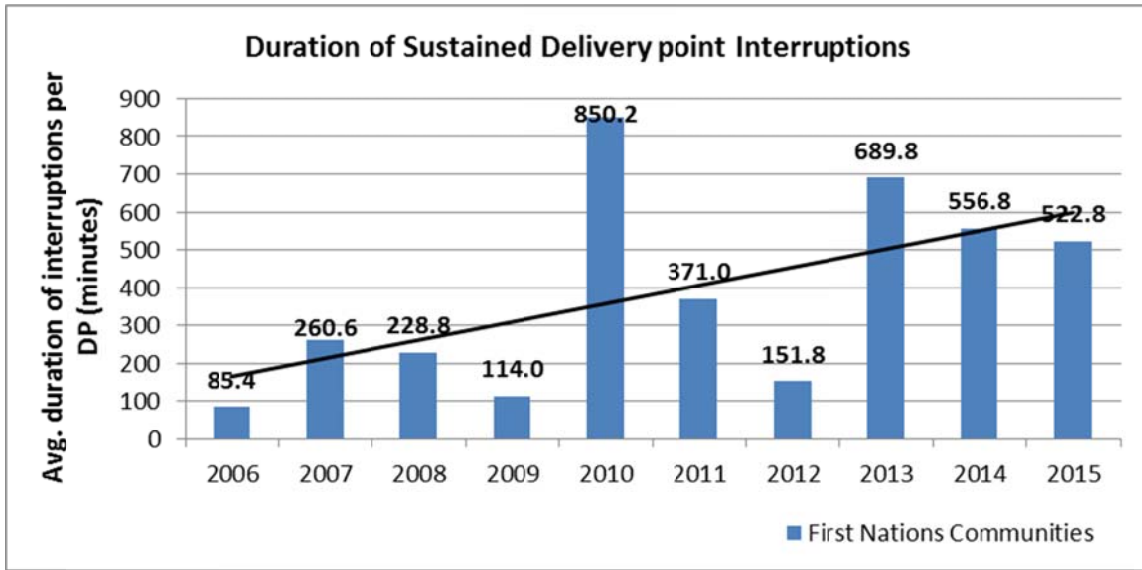
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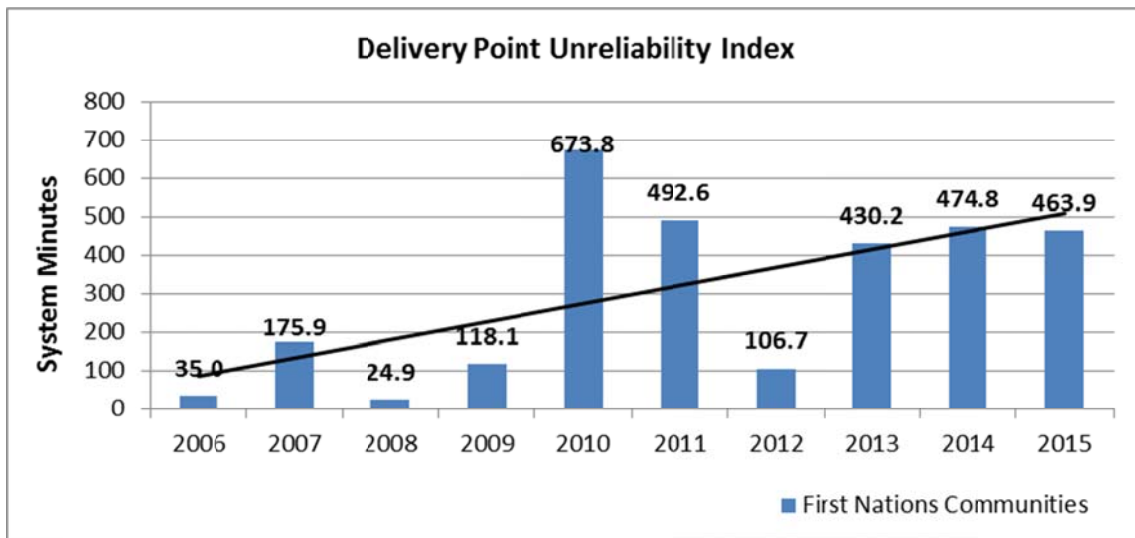
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1 ii. The following table shows the status of all transmission lines preventative maintenance in the
 2 subject territories.
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Maintenance Activity	Sub-Category	Status	Comments
Vegetation Management	All categories	Up-to-date	
Overhead Lines Maintenance	Helicopter Patrol	Up-to-date	
	Foot Patrol	Up-to-date	
	Thermovision	Up-to-date except for M9K & M3K	M9K & M3K are scheduled for thermovision in 2017
	Detailed Helicopter Inspection	Up-to-date	
Overhead Lines Condition Assessment	Conductor	28.3% require assessment	The system wide conductor assessment need is 31%
	Wood pole	1.4% require assessment	The system wide pole assessment need is 6%

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 5 iii. There are no high risk transmission class transformers that supply customers in the territory
 6 of Aroland First Nation, Moose Factory and Moosonee, Rocky Bay First Nation, Red Rock
 7 Indian Band, Geraldton, Nipigon and Beardmore.

8
 9 Approximately 70 km of line is near end-of-life and is being targeted for refurbishment in the
 10 next 5 years.

- 1 iv. The below table shows a list of all of Hydro One's transmission assets, their age, their
 2 originally-anticipated replacement date and their actual or anticipated replacement date.
 3

Hydro One's Transmission Asset	Age (Year)	Original/Anticipated Replacement Date	Actual / Plan Replacement Date
Longlac TS			
Power Transformer -T2	5	2010	2011
Power Transformer - T3	5	2010	2011
Breaker -116M1	5	2010	2011
Breaker -116M2	5	2010	2011
Breaker - SC1Z	5	2010	2011
Breaker - SC2Z	5	2010	2011
M2 feeder protection	5	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018

Moosonee SS			
M9K A protection	9	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
M9K B protection	9	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018

OtterRapid SS			
Breaker -L6L7	9	2005	2007
Breaker -L6L8	6	2005	2010

Alexander SS			
A4L A protection	24	2017/2018	
A4L B protection	15	2017/2018	
A6P A protection	15	2017/2018	
A6P B protection	14	2017/2018	
HL6 BF protection	19	2017/2018	
L5L6 BF protection	19	2017/2018	

Hydro One's Transmission Asset	Age (Year)	Original/Anticipated Replacement Date	Actual / Plan Replacement Date
Port Arthur TS			
Power Transformer -T1	42	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Power Transformer - T2	42	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2A6P	62	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2L3P	70	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2L4P	70	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2P1P	66	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2P1T	68	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2P3B	63	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2P5M	64	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -2P7B	64	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -BY	65	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M1-27	67	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M2	64	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M3	64	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M4	68	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M5	67	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M6	68	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -T1B	59	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -T2B	59	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
A6P A protection	16	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
A6P B protection	18	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
2A6P BF protection	47	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018

Elliot Lake TS			
Power Transformer -T1	59	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Power Transformer - T2	68	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Power Transformer - T3	20	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M1	61	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M2	66	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018
Breaker -M3	35	Beyond 2018	Beyond 2018

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Hydro One's Transmission Asset	Average Age (Year)	Original/Anticipated Replacement Date	Actual / Plan Replacement Date
M9K circuit/conductor	41	2045 (ESL of 70 years)	
M3K circuit/conductor	12	2074 (ESL of 70 years)	
A4L circuit/conductor	74	2012 (ESL of 70 years)	A portion of this line is scheduled for refurbishment in 2017-2022 business plan. Some sections require assessments
T1B circuit/conductor	63	2023 (ESL of 70 years)	Requires assessment
56M1 circuit/conductor	19	2067 (ESL of 70 years)	
57M1 circuit/conductor	19	2067 (ESL of 70 years)	

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1 **Response:**

- 2 a) and b) This application relates to Hydro One's transmission business. These questions relate
3 to Hydro One's distribution business which is not being evaluated as part of this application.

1 **Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) INTERROGATORY #007**

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3 **Reference:**

4 Exhibit 81, Tab 2, Schedule 3, page 6 of 20

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6 **Interrogatory:**

7 As part of the regional planning process, Hydro One undertakes extensive consultation with local
8 distribution companies and the Independent Electricity System Operator to identify needs and
9 develop plans as envisioned by the Board in its Renewed Regulatory Framework. Hydro One
10 also reaches out to its large transmission-connected customers to obtain and update their future
11 plans and electricity load forecasts.

12
13 In the Northwest Ontario region, the working group established by Hydro One includes
14 stakeholder groups such as the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Common Voice,
15 Ontario Mining Association and municipalities.

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17 a) Please describe what measures, if any, Hydro One is undertaking to include First Nations
18 governments and ratepayers as part of its Regional Planning Customer Consultation Process
19 and Needs Assessments. Please provide any and all information on specific inclusion efforts
20 with First Nations governments and ratepayers in the regions of Northwest Ontario and
21 North/East of Sudbury.

22
23 **Response:**

24 a) The regional planning process was established by the OEB as part of its Renewed Regulatory
25 Framework for Electricity Distributors with the objective of supporting the investment
26 planning work and rate submissions of distributors and also transmitters. The regional
27 planning process, that was developed by the OEB Planning Process Working Group and
28 endorsed by the OEB, was mainly intended for the direct participation of distributors,
29 transmitters and the IESO (formerly the OPA). As a result, in August 2013, the OEB made
30 changes to the Transmission System Code, Distribution System Code and the IESO (OPA)
31 license that established specific regional planning deliverables and timelines to support the
32 regional planning process. Hydro One undertakes its regional planning activities consistent
33 with this OEB process, and therefore does not directly undertake broader plan level
34 consultation during the regional planning process. However, Hydro One does conduct
35 extensive stakeholdering and consultation at the project level, as it develops specific
36 transmission projects, in the form of Environmental Assessment and/or Leave to Construct
37 approvals as noted in Exhibit B1, Tab 2, Schedule 3.

Witness: Bing Young

