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## Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re:

EB-2016-0160, Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") application for electricity transmission revenue requirement and related changes to the Uniform Transmission Rates beginning January 1, 2017, and January 1, 2018 (the "Proceeding")

I write to you as the Ontario Regional Chief of the Chiefs of Ontario (**COO**), which is a forum and secretariat for collective decision-making, action, and advocacy for the 133 First Nations communities in Ontario, including the First Nations represented by Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in the Proceeding.

It has come to my attention that Hydro One is opposing the inclusion of the following issue proposed by Anwaatin on the proposed issues list (the **Proposed Issues List**) in the Proceeding:

Has Hydro One undertaken adequate outreach and consultation with Indigenous communities and groups and are its current processes and procedures sufficient to do so? (the **Anwaatin Issue**)

COO hereby provides its support for Anwaatin's request and the inclusion of the Anwaatin Issue in the Ontario Energy Board's consideration of Hydro One's application.

Engagement with Ontario's Indigenous communities, who have significant and unique electricity transmission concerns, is an important part of "customer engagement".

We therefore strongly support Anwaatin in its request to include the Anwaatin Issue on the Proposed Issues List.

Sincerely,

Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day, Wiindawtegowinini

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