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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-2014-0138 – Report of the Board – Rate-Making Associated with Distributor Consolidation Distribution System Plans for Consolidated Entities

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("**Hydro One**") submits this letter in response to the Ontario Energy Board's ("**OEB**" or "**Board**") report dated March 26, 2015 regarding Rate-Making Associated with Distributor Consolidation. Hydro One has noted the requirement regarding Distribution System Plans for consolidated entities, which for convenience is reproduced below:

The OEB also notes that despite the ability for consolidated entities to extend the rate re-basing period, all other regulatory requirements, including the requirement to file Distribution System Plans every five years remain in effect. (page 7)

Hydro One has recently acquired and integrated three local distribution utilities ("LDCs", Norfolk Power Distribution Inc, Haldimand County Hydro Inc. and Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.) into its distribution operation. Hydro One notes that in the case of Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. and Norfolk Power Distribution Inc. a Distribution System Plan has not been filed in the last five years.

At this time, Hydro One Distribution is in the process of preparing a five-year, consolidated Distribution System Plan, which will be filed with the Board as part of its application for 2018 to 2022 Distribution Rates. This plan will include all necessary and relevant information for the three acquired LDCs and Hydro One Distribution.

In reviewing the requirement stated above, Hydro One respectfully submits that this approach will fulfil the intention of the requirement. If further clarification or additional information is needed please feel free to contact myself or my staff.

Sincerely,

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