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November 30, 2016

VIA RESS AND COURIER

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: EB-2016-0160 Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) Transmission Rates Application – Communications with First Nations Communities

I am writing to you in respect of an exchange that occurred between Mr. Penstone and Ms. DeMarco on November 25, 2016 (Day 2 Hearing Transcript, starting at Page 77, Line 6 and ending at Page 83, Line 8).

Specifically, Ms. DeMarco requested a list of any and all communications relating to proceeding with a project within the envelope of Hydro One’s application that involves First Nations (Day 2 Transcript, Page 78, Lines 13-17). There was some discussion with respect to the scope of that request, and Hydro One took the request under advisement at the time, rather than by way of undertaking (Day 2 Transcript, Page 82, Line 25 to Page 83, Line 8).

Mr. Penstone has advised that this task has now been completed. Hydro One can advise that during the 2014-2016 period, approximately 300 letters were sent to First Nations communities in respect of various projects.

Of the 300 letters sent in 2014-2016, five were sent to Anwaatin Inc. constituents. One was issued on October 8, 2015, to the Red Rock Indian Band.

The remainder were issued on September 22, 2016, to the MoCreebec Council of the Cree Nation, Aroland First Nation, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, and Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation. The four 2016 letters all pertain to a planned wood pole replacement program which is described in Exhibit B1-3-2 (Page 35) and B1-3-11 (ISD#S75).

Hydro One received one response since issuing the letters, from the Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation on September 23, 2016.

The letters sent by Hydro One and the response from the Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation are attached. Mr. Penstone will address any questions relating to this material during his appearance on the Planning Panel.

Yours truly,

McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Per:



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September 22, 2016

Chief Allan Jolly
MoCreebec Council of the Cree Nation
62 Hospital Dr., P.O. Box 4
Moose Factory, ON P0L 1W0

Re: Planned Wood Pole Replacement on the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit T7M) located in Cochrane, Unorganized

Dear Chief Jolly:

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 21 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit T7M), involving approximately 150 complete structures. The planned project area is shown on the attached map.

The transmission line refurbishment, which was determined through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program, would involve the replacement of a number of aging and damaged wood pole structures and their components. Replacing damaged and aging structures would ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most of the work would be take place within the existing transmission corridor, with no new extension to the current corridor being required. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after this project has been completed.

The project falls within the Class EA process as described under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Ontario Hydro, 1992)*, in accordance with the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA was developed as a streamlined process to ensure that minor transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects are planned and carried out in an environmentally acceptable manner. In accordance with the *EA Act*, Hydro One will make a draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) available for public, First Nations and Métis, and stakeholder review. Once that period is complete, any comments received will be considered and a final copy of the ESR will be filed with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

You will be notified when the draft ESR is available for review, and Hydro One will post an ad in local newspapers providing information on the Class EA process and the draft ESR review period.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, work may begin as early as January 2017 and be completed by the end of the year 2017.

We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the planned refurbishment. If you are interested, we would be pleased to arrange a meeting to discuss project details. If you would like for us to set-up a meeting to discuss this project, please let us know in the earliest stage of the project as possible. Should there be any update to the project information provided, I will ensure you are promptly informed.

If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free to contact Kimberly Miller-Bautista at (416) 951-9714 or WPRP_EEPS@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Derek McLeod, Deputy Chief, MoCreebec Council of the Cree Nation
Ms. Janet Sailors, Receptionist, MoCreebec Council of the Cree Nation
Mr. Daniel Charbonneau, Acting Senior Manager, First Nations & Métis Relations, Hydro One
Ms. Kimberly Miller-Bautista, Environmental Planner - Environmental Engineering & Project Support, Hydro One
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September 22, 2016

Chief Laura Airns
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation (Sand Point)
Sand Point First Nation Satellite Office, 146 Court St. South
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X6

Re: Planned Wood Pole Replacement on the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit A4L) located in the Municipality of Greenstone and Thunder Bay, Unorganized

Dear Chief Airns:

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 10 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit A4L), involving approximately 48 complete structures. The planned project area is shown on the attached map.

The transmission line refurbishment, which was determined through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program, would involve the replacement of a number of aging and damaged wood pole structures and their components. Replacing damaged and aging structures would ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most of the work would be take place within the existing transmission corridor, with no new extension to the current corridor being required. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after this project has been completed.

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September 22, 2016

Chief Dorothy Towedo
Aroland First Nation
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Aroland, ON P0T 1B0

Re: Planned Wood Pole Replacement on the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit F1E) located in the Town of Hearst, Township of Mattice-Val Côté and Cochrane, Unorganized

Dear Chief Towedo:

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 25 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit F1E), involving approximately 88 complete structures. The planned project area is shown on the attached map.

The transmission line refurbishment, which was determined through Hydro One's annual wood pole testing program, would involve the replacement of a number of aging and damaged wood pole structures and their components. Replacing damaged and aging structures would ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. Most of the work would be take place within the existing transmission corridor, with no new extension to the current corridor being required. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails. There would be very little noticeable difference in this transmission line after this project has been completed.

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September 22, 2016

Chief Bart Hardy
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Macdiarmid, ON P0T 2B0

Re: Planned Wood Pole Replacement on the 115 kilovolt Transmission Structures (Circuit A4L) located in the Municipality of Greenstone and Thunder Bay, Unorganized

Dear Chief Hardy:

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 10 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit A4L), involving approximately 48 complete structures. The planned project area is shown on the attached map.

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From: Melvin Hardy [mailto:chief@rockybayfn.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:19 PM
To: HYDRO ONE EE&PS WPRP
Cc: CHARBONNEAU Daniel; WPRP2017@golder.com; chiefandcouncil@rockybayfn.ca; receptionist@rockybayfn.ca; ahardy@rockybayfn.ca
Subject: Re: Hydro One Project Notice of Commencement: Circuit A4L - Wood Pole Replacement Program 2017 - Routine Maintenance

Kimberly,
Your email to this matter is much appreciated. The BZA leadership will respond accordingly.

Respectfully
Chief Mel Hardy

On Sep 23, 2016 2:40 PM, <WPRP_EEPS@hydroone.com> wrote:
Hello Chief Bart Hardy of Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation,

This letter is to inform you that Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 10 kilometres of the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit A4L), involving approximately 48 complete structures. The planned project area is shown on the attached map.

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For any questions regarding this project please feel free to contact the general Hydro One Wood Pole Replacement Program phone number at [\(416\) 951-9714](tel:4169519714) or email: WPRP_EEPS@HydroOne.com.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Kimberly Miller-Bautista

Wood Pole Replacement Program Coordinator - 2017
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