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VIA RESS AND COURIER

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: EB-2016-0160 Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") Transmission Rates Application – Response to Undertaking J09.13

Hydro One's response to Undertaking J09.13 is enclosed.

Yours truly,

McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Per:

Gordon M. Nettleton

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To provide the budgeted costs on the metrics for each of the years requested. (Ref: Exhibit B2-1-1, Table 3)

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Below are the budgeted costs per unit that are available.

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| LOB | Unit Metric | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|----------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Forestry | \$/ brush control costs per hectare cleared | 1,429 | 1,478 | 1,408 | 1,431 |
| | \$/ line km | 1,536 | 1,679 | 1,882 | 1,912 |
| Lines | \$/ wood structure replacement | 40,351 | 37,941 | 36,353 | 37,059 |

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The following measures did not have cost per unit budgets.

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| LOB | Unit Metric | Reason | | |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| | \$/ Wood Structure condition assessment | Units were not historically budgeted. | | |
| Lines | \$/ 115 kV tower coated | Not previously measured. | | |
| | \$/ 230 kV tower coated | Not previously measured. | | |
| Network | \$/Cable Located | Is budgeted at a higher organizational | | |
| Operating | Cable Located | level. | | |

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Note that these budgeted cost per units and the actual cost per units provided in Table 3 of Exhibit B2, Tab 1, Schedule 1 are in gross dollars. Gross dollars provides the most consistent view to measuring changes in cost per unit from year to year. Net cost per unit would have other factors like removals and capital contributions that would skew the results.

Witness: Brad Bowness