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**VIA RESS AND COURIER**

Kirsten Walli  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: EB-2016-0160 Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) Transmission Rates  
Application – HONI Supplemental Compendium for Anwaatin**

Hydro One’s Supplemental Compendium for its cross-examination of Dr. Richardson is enclosed.

Yours truly,

**McCarthy Tétrault LLP**  
Per:

  
For: Gordon M. Nettleton

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## 1                   **STAKEHOLDER AND FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT**

### 2 3                   **OVERVIEW**

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5                   In early 2006, Hydro One began to design a process for consultation and two-way  
6                   dialogue with stakeholders and First Nations to assist in its preparation of the 2007-2008  
7                   Transmission Rate Application. Based on its previous experience with such applications,  
8                   the involvement of stakeholders and First Nations was recognized as critical to  
9                   developing a submission that reflected the broad interests and concerns of Hydro One  
10                  constituencies.

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12                  To assist in designing, implementing and facilitating the stakeholder consultation process,  
13                  Hydro One retained Haussmann Consulting Inc. (HCI), and Hunter-Courchene  
14                  Consulting Group Inc. was hired to undertake a similar process for First Nations  
15                  organizations. Both firms were selected through a competitive RFP process in March  
16                  and May 2006, respectively. The stakeholder consultation process was subsequently  
17                  implemented in May 2006 and continued through to July 2006. First Nations discussions  
18                  sessions were also held in July 2006.

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20                  The main objectives of the consultation process and discussion sessions were to inform  
21                  stakeholders and First Nations about Hydro One's Transmission revenue requirement and  
22                  rate application and the key issues and challenges facing its transmission business, and to  
23                  learn about stakeholder issues. This was to be achieved in a non-adversarial manner that  
24                  would allow for Hydro One, stakeholders and First Nations to discuss and explore  
25                  questions and potential areas of agreement around key application-related issues, with a  
26                  goal to scoping the issues to be addressed in pre-filed evidence where possible and/or at  
27                  the OEB hearing.

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1 Hydro One worked with Hausmann Consulting Inc. to design a process that would  
2 provide maximum opportunity to educate stakeholders about Hydro One's transmission  
3 business and receive feedback on key strategic areas. For stakeholders, the plan allowed  
4 flexibility to obtain information on the topics of most interest to them, and ensured full  
5 discussion of issues of concern.

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7 The proposed approach was discussed with Hydro One's Customer Advisory Board  
8 (CAB) on December 8, 2005. Many of the members had been involved in Hydro One's  
9 2006 Distribution Rates Consultation and were familiar with the approach. Overall, the  
10 CAB was supportive of the proposed approach; however, they did request that financial  
11 information be presented as early as possible in the process. Since Hydro One was  
12 basing its Transmission Rate Application on the 2007-2009 Business Plan, which was not  
13 available until late June 2006, the financial information was not available until early July  
14 2006. Accordingly, the financial information was presented and discussed at the last  
15 consultation session held July 5 and 6, 2006. Hydro One was also encouraged to maintain  
16 a close working relationship with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) during the  
17 development of its Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP). At that time, Hydro One was  
18 also proposing a fourth consultation session following the release of the OPA's IPSP. A  
19 suggestion was made to increase the time between the IPSP release and the fourth session  
20 to provide adequate time to consider the implications for Hydro One's transmission  
21 application and any necessary adjustments based on the IPSP. A fourth Hydro One  
22 consultation meeting was subsequently cancelled when the IPSP release date was  
23 postponed. As a result, the transmission plans included in the Transmission Rate  
24 Application are based on Hydro One's knowledge of the IPSP gained through  
25 participation in joint OPA/Hydro One working groups.

## STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

### 1.0 OVERVIEW

This Exhibit reports on the stakeholder consultation process in support of the 2009/2010 Transmission Rate Application and provides a summary of the discussions held during seven interactive sessions. Based on previous experience with such applications, the involvement of stakeholders is recognized as critical to developing a submission that reflects the broad interests and concerns of Hydro One Transmission customers and stakeholder constituencies.

Unique to this application and consultation process, is that the Board directed Hydro One to seek stakeholder involvement in the areas of transmission asset assessment and sustainment, and compensation cost and productivity benchmarking in its Decision with Reasons (EB-2006-0501) regarding Hydro One Networks' 2007/08 transmission revenue requirement. Hydro One used the stakeholder consultation process to inform stakeholders and customers about the Board directives as well as the revenue requirement application for 2009-2010, the key issues and challenges facing its transmission business, and as a forum to stakeholder issues.

The interactive sessions allowed Hydro One Transmission and stakeholders to discuss and explore potential areas of agreement and concern around key application related issues as well as address the specific Board directives.

To assist in developing, implementing and facilitating this process, Hydro One Transmission retained two consultants: Haussmann Consulting Inc. (HCI) and Regulatory Support Services (RSS). These firms were selected through a competitive Request for Proposals process held in spring 2007 and winter 2008, respectively. The stakeholder

1 Appendix 1. The groups represented at each session are recorded in the individual Notes  
2 of Meetings, which are included as Appendices 2 through 8 of this exhibit.

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4 First Nations political and treaty organizations and the Métis Nation of Ontario were  
5 invited to participate in the consultation process.

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7 The stakeholders received letters of invitation from Hydro One's Vice President and  
8 Chief Regulatory Officer for the initial sessions as well as a follow-up email. Subsequent  
9 invitations were sent via email. Those who were not able to attend were invited to  
10 monitor the process through Hydro One's Website and to provide input.

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12 Stakeholder participation was guided by a Terms of Reference and funding made  
13 available to eligible intervenors. Hydro One Transmission's funding guidelines were  
14 developed based on the Ontario Energy Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*  
15 document.

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#### 17 **2.4 Website**

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19 As part of the consultation process, Hydro One Transmission launched a 2009/2010  
20 Transmission Rate Application Web page. The intent was to provide interested  
21 stakeholders the opportunity to monitor the consultation process and to provide input at  
22 key points throughout the consultation.

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24 The 2009/2010 Transmission Rate Application Web page  
25 (<http://www.hydroonenetworks.com/en/regulatory/>) was updated regularly and contained  
26 background information, documents and presentations made available at the stakeholder  
27 discussion sessions and the meeting notes. Hydro One transmission-connected customers

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1 were advised by email about the sessions, how they could participate and follow the  
2 proceedings via the regulatory Website.

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## 4 **2.5 Consultation Process Design**

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6 Hydro One Transmission undertook these two series of consultations with the  
7 determination to make the process open, inclusive, and thorough. Independent  
8 facilitators were employed to allow Hydro One Transmission staff to concentrate on their  
9 roles as presenters and listeners, and to ensure an overriding atmosphere of fairness and  
10 objectivity. The facilitators were responsible to guide the consultations and to record the  
11 results.

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13 Consultants offering subject matter expertise were used to prepare the reports necessary  
14 to support the consultation efforts. First Quartile Consulting (formerly consultants with  
15 P.A. Consulting) provided a benchmark analysis of utility business performance  
16 productivity, and Mercer Consulting and Oliver Wyman were contracted to perform a  
17 benchmarking analysis of compensation cost and staff productivity. The Terms of  
18 Reference for both consultants were developed with stakeholder input.

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20 The following Table 1 summarizes the consultation sessions that occurred.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SESSION(S)**

Association of Major Power Consumers (AMPCO)  
Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)  
Brookfield Power  
Canadian Niagara Power  
Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)  
Chatham-Kent Hydro  
Electricity Distributors Association (EDA)  
Energy Probe  
Enersource  
Erie Thames Power  
Five Nations Energy Inc.  
Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)  
Great Lakes Power  
Hydro Ottawa  
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)  
Ontario Energy Board (OEB)  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)  
Ontario Power Authority (OPA)  
Ontario Power Generation (OPG)  
Pollution Probe  
Power Workers' Union (PWU)  
School Energy Coalition (SEC)  
Shell  
The Society of Energy Professionals  
Toronto Hydro  
Trans Canada Pipeline  
Union Gas Limited  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)



**Electricity Act, 1998**  
**Loi de 1998 sur l'électricité**

**ONTARIO REGULATION 424/04**

*No Amendments*

**INTEGRATED POWER SYSTEM PLAN**

**Historical version for the period December 20, 2004 to December 31, 2004.**

**Note: This Regulation comes into force on January 1, 2005. See: O. Reg. 424/04, s. 4.**

***This Regulation is made in English only.***

**Period and updating of integrated power system plan**

1. For the purpose of section 25.30 of the Act, the OPA,

(a) shall develop and submit an integrated power system plan that covers a period of 20 years from the date of its submission; and

(b) shall develop and submit an update of the plan every three years, which updated plan shall cover a period of 20 years from the date of its submission. O. Reg. 424/04, s. 1.

**Development of integrated power system plan**

2. In developing an integrated power system plan under subsection 25.30 (1) of the Act, the OPA shall do the following:

1. Consult with interested parties, including industry experts, market participants and groups representing consumers and the public interest in order to ensure that their priorities and views are considered in the development of the plan.

2. Consult with the Advisory Committee established under section 25.12 of the Act.

3. Identify and develop innovative strategies to accelerate the implementation of conservation, energy efficiency and demand management measures.

4. Identify and develop innovative strategies to encourage and facilitate competitive market-based responses and options for meeting overall system needs.

5. Identify measures that will reduce reliance on procurement under section 25.32 of the Act.

6. Identify factors that it must consider in determining that it is advisable to enter into procurement contracts under subsection 25.32 (1) of the Act.

7. Ensure that safety and economic and environmental sustainability and environmental protection are reflected in the plan. O. Reg. 424/04, s. 2.

**Publication of plan**

3. The OPA shall publish all integrated power system plans that have been approved by the Board under subsection 25.30 (5) of the Act on a publicly accessible website approved by the Board. O. Reg. 424/04, s. 3.



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June 13, 2006

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Dear Dr. Carr:

Re: Integrated Power System Plan

As authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under Section 25.30 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, I am providing direction for the preparation of the Integrated Power System Plan.

The Government directs the OPA to create an Integrated Power System Plan to meet the following goals:

1. The goal for total peak demand reduction from conservation by 2025 is 6,300 MW. The plan should define programs and actions which aim to reduce projected peak demand by 1,350 MW by 2010, and by an additional 3,600 MW by 2025. The reductions of 1,350 MW and 3,600 MW are to be in addition to the 1,350 MW reduction set by the government as a target for achievement by 2007. The plan should assume conservation includes continued use by the government of vehicles such as energy efficiency standards under the *Energy Efficiency Act* and the Building Code, and should include load reduction from initiatives such as: geothermal heating and cooling; solar heating; fuel switching; small scale (10 MW or less) customer-based electricity generation, including small scale natural gas fired co-generation and tri-generation, and including generation encouraged by the recently finalized net metering regulation.
2. Increase Ontario's use of renewable energy such as hydroelectric, wind, solar, and biomass for electricity generation. The plan should assist the government in meeting its target for 2010 of increasing the installed capacity of new renewable

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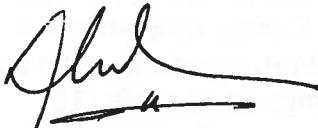
energy sources by 2,700 MW from the 2003 base, and increase the total capacity of renewable energy sources used in Ontario to 15,700 MW by 2025.

3. Plan for nuclear capacity to meet base-load electricity requirements but limit the installed in-service capacity of nuclear power over the life of the plan to 14,000 MW.
4. Maintain the ability to use natural gas capacity at peak times and pursue applications that allow high efficiency and high value use of the fuel.
5. Plan for coal-fired generation in Ontario to be replaced by cleaner sources in the earliest practical time frame that ensures adequate generating capacity and electricity system reliability in Ontario.

The OPA should work closely with the IESO to propose a schedule for the replacement of coal-fired generation, taking into account feasible in-service dates for replacement generation and necessary transmission infrastructure.

6. Strengthen the transmission system to:
  - Enable the achievement of the supply mix goals set out in this directive;
  - Facilitate the development and use of renewable energy resources such as wind power, hydroelectric power and biomass in parts of the province where the most significant development opportunities exist;
  - Promote system efficiency and congestion reduction and facilitate the integration of new supply, all in a manner consistent with the need to cost effectively maintain system reliability.
7. The plan should comply with Ontario Regulation 424/04 as revised from time to time.

Yours sincerely,



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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,

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September 22, 2016

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**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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**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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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.

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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,

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**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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**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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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Brian J. McCormick".

Brian J. McCormick, Manager  
Environmental Engineering and Project Support

Enclosed (1)

cc: Ms. Amelia Hardy, Band Manager, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)  
Ms. Erica Mickelson, Receptionist, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)  
Mr. Daniel Charbonneau, Acting Senior Manager, First Nations & Métis Relations, Hydro One  
Ms. Kimberly Miller-Bautista, Environmental Planner - Environmental Engineering & Project Support, Hydro One  
Mr. Jeff Hankin, Field Environmental Planner - Environmental Engineering & Project Support, Hydro One  
Ms. Farah El Ayoubi, Acting Team Lead - Environmental Engineering & Project Support, Hydro One

**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](mailto: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.

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.

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](mailto:WPRP_EEPS@HydroOne.com).

Kind Regards,

**Ms. Kimberly Miller-Bautista**

Wood Pole Replacement Program Coordinator - 2017  
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