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**To: All Participants, EB-2016-0160
All Ontario Transmitters**

**Confirmation of the Declaration of Interim Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates,
effective January 1, 2017, during the Hydro One Transmission Oral Hearing on
November 24, 2016**

On November 24, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) began an oral hearing on the Hydro One Networks Inc. application for 2017 and 2018 transmission revenue requirement and rates, OEB file number EB-2016-0160.

In this oral hearing, the OEB declared the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates interim effective January 1, 2017. This decision was recorded in the transcript of the hearing as noted below:

“There was a request from Hydro One that we declare the uniform transmission rates interim as of January 1 and that we approve a deferral account for any revenues that may be approved for collection after that date.

Hydro One stated in its request that it was unlikely that the Board would be issuing a decision before January 1, and that prompted its request, and the Board agrees that it's unlikely, given the date we are at, that there would be a decision issued prior to that, so we approve the requested deferral account, and there is a question as to whether or not we would need to declare those rates interim, but we do....the rates are interim and the requested deferral account is approved.”

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Yours truly,

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