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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 2701
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: E.L.K. Energy Inc. (“E.L.K.”) Service Area Amendment Application
Board File No. EB-2016-0155**

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (“**BLG**”) has been retained to represent E.L.K. at an upcoming oral hearing in respect of E.L.K.’s application for a service area amendment filed June 21, 2016 under Section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* which has been assigned Board File No. EB-2016-0155 (the “**Application**”).

On December 20, 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (the “**Board**”) issued Procedural Order No. 3 in respect of the Application ordering that an oral hearing on issues of the connection costs, economic efficiency and impact on distribution rates of E.L.K. and Hydro One Networks Inc. customers will be convened on January 6, 2017.

E.L.K. is appreciative of the Board’s efforts to expedite this process. However, due to the efforts involved in preparing for an oral hearing and lack of experience in this setting- we are writing to ask that the Board defer the oral hearing. We understand that due to scheduling limitations, this will likely mean that the oral hearing will not be held until early February 2017. We have canvassed both E.L.K. and Sellick Equipment Limited (the customer), and both indicated that this would be an acceptable outcome.

Yours very truly,

BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

Per:

Original signed by John A.D. Vellone

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Cc: Mr. Pasquale Catalano, Hydro One Networks Inc.
Mr. Ken Thoman, Project Manager, Sellick Equipment Limited