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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Hydro One Networks' Letter of Intent to file Leave to Construct Application - East West Tie Line**

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This letter is to inform the Ontario Energy Board of Hydro One's intention to file an Application pursuant to Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an Order granting leave to construct the East West Tie Lines project.

Hydro One believes it can deliver a cost-effective transmission solution to meet the energy needs and ensure reliable and adequate supply of electricity to Ontario's northwest. Our efforts will result in a timely and beneficial project; for the Province, the electricity system and the homes and businesses of Northern Ontario.

Dependent upon the IESO's updated needs assessment, Hydro One is prepared to submit a Leave to Construct application, which will include a not-to-exceed price, by December of this year. We believe we are uniquely positioned to provide a cost-effective alternative while substantively meeting the timeline needs for the East-West Tie transmission line. Hydro One's East West Tie Station Project (EB-2017-0194) will still be required.

An electronic copy of this letter has been filed through the Ontario Energy Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS).

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY FRANK D'ANDREA

Frank D'Andrea  
cc. Miriam Heinz, IESO