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Ms. Kristen Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
PO Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0051 Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.
2018 Cost of Service Electricity Rate Application
Interrogatories of Opiikapawiin Services LP (OSLP)

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of OSLP in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant and other intervenors.

Yours truly,

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**Opiikapawiin Services LP (“OSLP”) Interrogatories
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (“Remotes”)**

Cost of Service Application

2018 Rates

EB-2017-0051

EXHIBIT A

A-OSLP-1

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"In 2003, Remotes developed and adopted an Emission Reduction Strategy and submitted an application and Action Plan for Reducing Greenhouse Gases to the Environment Canada Voluntary Challenge Registry (now known as “Clean Start”). Remotes continues to report, monitor and reduce its emissions.”

- a) Please provide a summary of the Remotes performance against this strategy.
- b) Please provide a summary of annual GHG emissions since 2013.

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Remotes has indicated it involves First Nations in its business as employees, contractors, local operators and meter readers.

- a) Please provide the total number for each of the following: employees, local operators and meter readers.
- b) How does Remotes actively recruit First Nations?
- c) Please provide the total number of First Nations employed for each of the above categories.
- d) Does Remotes have any First Nations employment targets? If so, please provide an assessment of actual performance since 2013 vs these targets.

- e) Why is First Nations employment not tracked as a key performance indicator in the scorecard?

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The Remotes business plan states the Provincial Government has received requests from Cat Lake, Pikangikum and Wunnumin to join Remotes' service territory.

- a) What steps are required from Remotes in order to take over service in Pikangikum First Nation?
- b) What is the timing to complete each one of these steps?
- c) Does Remotes see any risks of not being able to take over service by the anticipated commissioning of the distribution line?
- d) Have any other communities requested to join Remotes' service territory?

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How many REINDEER Program applications are active with Remotes? How many contracts are expected to be signed in 2018?

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Remotes has indicated that the REINDEER Program Contracts will be terminated when the distribution system is connected to the transmission grid.

- a) How many existing contracts will be impacted assuming the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project is completed by 2023?
- b) What steps are being taken by Remotes to work with the First Nations, project owners, and the IESO to mitigate these impacts?

