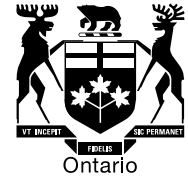


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Dear Ms. Chase:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Lake Superior Link Project
OEB File Number - EB-2017-0364**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) writes in respect of the recent offer made by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to provide an analysis of the impacts of a delay of the in-service date for the proposed 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa. At the motion in this matter heard on June 4-5, 2018, counsel for the IESO advised the OEB as follows:

...the IESO would be pleased if the Panel would find it of assistance to supplement the need assessment that it has thus far performed and to specifically address how long could this capacity gap be managed through interim measures past the recommended in-service date of 2020 and what would the estimated annual costs be of managing that shortfall past 2020, and the IESO believes that it could complete that sort of analysis within a couple of weeks.¹

The OEB asks that the IESO proceed to complete the analysis described above. As part of that analysis, the OEB asks that the IESO specifically set out the reliability concerns and the projected system costs associated with managing the capacity gap for each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The OEB further asks the IESO to identify the in-service date beyond which the shortfall cannot be managed with interim measures.

¹ Transcript from NextBridge Lake Superior Link Motion Hearing, June 4, 2018, p. 55, lines 6-14.

The OEB asks that the IESO endeavour to complete its analysis by the end of June. When the analysis has been completed, the IESO should advise the OEB and the OEB will provide further direction as to which proceeding(s) the evidence should be filed in.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

cc: All parties in Hearing of Motion (EB-2017-0364)