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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**EB-2017-0364 – Motion on Hydro One Networks' Lake Superior Link– Cost Claim
Objections**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) has received cost claims from the following intervenors in the above-noted proceeding: Bamkushwada Limited Partnership (“BLP”), Batchewana First Nation (“BFN”), Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (“BZA”), Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”), Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

Hydro One has reviewed the cost claims and requests that an Assessment Officer review those submitted by BLP, BFN and MNO for the reasons detailed in this letter. As the table below shows, of the cost claims received to date, those submitted by BLP, BFN and MNO are significantly higher than the others.

Intervenor	Total Cost Claim	Total Hours
BLP	\$57,835.95	177.3
BFN	\$49,499.15	152.2
BZA	\$23,291.86	89.4
CCC	\$18,235.94	54.2
MNO	\$30,479.80	146.0
SEC	\$18,686.81	71.9
VECC	\$14,170.20	38.0

All three of these participants’ cost claims are significantly higher than the claims of other intervenors who were also actively involved in the technical conference and oral hearing. BLP engaged four separate counsels on the file, while BFN and MNO had three each. The number of

counsel and the time that each spent on various activities seems disproportionately long as compared to the other intervenors.

To assist the OEB, Hydro One has enclosed a live MS Excel file as Attachment 1. It contains the quantitative details of cost claims received to date.

Based on the foregoing, in Hydro One's view, the fees claimed by BLP, BFN and MNO warrant the OEB's closer examination.

Hydro One also notes that BFN has not submitted their cost claim using the Board's Cost of Hearing form and that VECC's submission appears to have a tax calculation error. Hydro One has contacted these parties asking them to either resubmit their claim using the Board's template or to correct any errors previously submitted.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY FRANK D'ANDREA

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Encl.

cc. EB-2017-0364 parties (electronic)