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

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0182/0194/0364 - East-West Tie Line - Procedural Order No. 1

We are counsel to Hydro One Networks Inc. in this matter. We write to support the request of the School Energy Coalition, as set out in the letter from Mr. Rubenstein dated August 16, 2018, that the procedure as set out in Procedural Order No. 1 be amended to allow parties to pose interrogatories to NextBridge regarding its leave to construct application.

As Mr. Rubenstein notes in his letter, the context for consideration of NextBridge's leave to construct application has changed. Among other things, and as the Board will be aware, NextBridge has provided evidence to the effect that the timely consideration and approval of its application is critical both to meeting its proposed in-service date of 2020 and to the construction costs of its transmission line. Permitting parties to ask interrogatories of NextBridge on, among other things, its current estimates of its in-service date and the cost of construction would, as Mr. Rubenstein indicates, facilitate a better understanding of the differences between NextBridge's proposal and that of our client. Obtaining up-to-date information on those issues would, among others things, allow parties to properly prepare for the oral hearing and permit a more efficient consideration of the two applications.

Yours truly,

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