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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Suite 2700, Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4  
[boardsec@oeb.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.ca)

Dear Ms. Walli:

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is issuing a Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. The Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion, 2017 states that a new transmission line "...continues to be the recommended alternative to maintaining a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario for the long term."

In September 2018 Hydro One submitted a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, for Ministerial review and decision. The ToR is currently under review and has not yet been approved. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR. A draft EA will be made available for your review and comment during the winter of 2019.

We will be hosting Community Information Centres in communities along the project route to give the public opportunity to learn more about the EA, the project and the approval processes underway. The attached Notice of Commencement and invitation will be published in local newspapers beginning the week of November 26, 2018. A community flyer, also attached, contains similar information and will be delivered to residents and interest groups along the project route at the beginning of December.

If you have further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hopper".

Bruce Hopper  
Environmental Planner,  
Environmental Services

Enclosed (2): Notice of Commencement; Community Flyer