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February 4, 2019

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP 2019 Electricity Transmission Rate Application Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC OEB File No. EB-2018-0218

In accordance with the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3 issued by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 14, 2018, please find enclosed the report prepared by Pacific Economics Group Research LLC entitled *"Empirical Research for Incentive Regulation of Transmission."* The report was prepared at the request of OEB staff and is being filed for the purpose of assisting the OEB in the current proceeding. The report is marked as Exhibit M1.

A copy of the author's *curriculum vitae* and signed Acknowledgement of Expert's Duty form is also enclosed, in accordance with Rule 13A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP and all intervenors have been copied on this filing.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Fiona O'Connell Project Advisor, Major Applications cc: Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP All registered parties to EB-2018-0218

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