



BY EMAIL

March 12, 2019

Ms. Fiona O'Connell
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. O'Connell:

**Re: Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP (Hydro One SSM)
2019 Electricity Transmission Rate Application
Request for Extension to Filing of Interrogatories Responses Related to the
Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC
Ontario Energy Board File Number EB-2018-0218**

In its Decision on Request for Confidential Documents and Procedural Order No. 4, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) established the deadline for OEB staff to file interrogatory responses on the evidence of its expert consultant and witness, Pacific Economics Group LLC (PEG), as March 14, 2019. The OEB is in receipt of a letter from OEB staff filed on March 11, 2019, requesting, on behalf of PEG, an extension to the date for filing the interrogatory responses to March 18, 2019.

In its letter, OEB staff notes that an extension for the filing of interrogatories on PEG's evidence was granted by the OEB in a letter issued on February 26, 2019. The OEB did not extend the deadline for the filing of interrogatory responses at that time. However, the OEB stated that OEB staff could request an extension by March 14, 2019 if OEB staff found it necessary. OEB staff notes the number of multi-part interrogatories that are also technical in nature in support of the requested extension.

OEB staff's request for an extension is granted, and OEB staff shall file the interrogatory responses by March 18, 2019. The OEB will establish further steps for processing this application through procedural orders issued in due course.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

c: All Parties