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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro)
Application for 2020-2024 Rates
Request for Extension to Filing of Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics
Group Research LLC
Board File Number: EB-2018-0165**

In the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2, issued November 21, 2018, the OEB made provision for the filing of expert evidence by March 12, 2019. Provision was also made for deadline for filing interrogatories on the expert evidence and for filing responses to those interrogatories as follows:

12. OEB staff and any intervenors permitted to file expert evidence shall file such evidence with the OEB, and provide a copy to Toronto Hydro and intervenors by **March 12, 2019**.

13. OEB staff, intervenors or the applicant shall request any relevant information and documentation regarding filed OEB staff and intervenor evidence by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 21, 2019**.

14. Intervenors and OEB staff that filed evidence shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on the applicant, all intervenors and OEB staff by **April 3, 2019**.¹

Subsequent procedural orders have maintained those dates.

¹ EB-2018-0165, Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2, November 21, 2018, p. 8

The Technical Conference on Toronto Hydro's application was extended and lasted four (4) days from February 19 to 22, 2019. There were a number of undertakings relating to the evidence of Power System Engineering, Inc. (PSE) and certain Toronto Hydro data, which OEB staff's consultant, Pacific Economics Group LLC (PEG), is reviewing and using in its expert evidence. Toronto Hydro and PSE did provide undertakings expeditiously. However, PEG has also found it necessary to seek further clarification on some of the information to improve the quality of its analysis and evidence, particularly to improving the comparability of the data as reported by the U.S. utilities and the Ontario distributors. Toronto Hydro has indicated its willingness to cooperate as necessary to facilitate the process and to ensure a more complete record. However, Toronto Hydro expects to file the additional information by March 13, 2019. Toronto Hydro also requested that PEG make available its "working papers" (data, documentation and models) when it files its evidence.

OEB staff requests an extension for its consultant to file its evidence in order to be able to incorporate the additional clarifying information into its evidence. OEB staff requests an extension of eight (8) days for the filing of PEG's evidence and to prepare the working papers along with the evidence. OEB staff also proposes that the same extension be granted for the filing of interrogatories on PEG's evidence, and for the filing of the responses to those interrogatories, as follows:

1. OEB staff shall file PEG's evidence with the OEB, and provide a copy to Toronto Hydro and intervenors, by **March 20, 2019**.
2. Intervenors or the applicant shall request any relevant information and documentation regarding PEG's evidence by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 29, 2019**.
3. OEB staff shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories on PEG's evidence and serve them on the applicant and all intervenors by **April 11, 2019**.

OEB staff submits that these extensions would not impact the further steps for the processing of Toronto Hydro's application, commencing with the update of the application for 2018 actuals by April 30, 2019, as established in subsequent procedural orders.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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cc: All registered parties to EB-2018-0165