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June 25, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2019-0049 Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. (KWHI) 2020 Cost of Service Rates Request for change to Procedural Order No. 1

We are in receipt of Procedural Order No. 1 for the above proceeding in which VECC has been granted intervenor status. The Procedural Order sets out the date for intervenor interrogatories as July 5, 2019.

The Board currently has hearing dates set for the Toronto Hydro Proceeding EB-2018-0165 on July 3, 4 and 5. In addition interrogatory for Hydro One Transmission EB-2019-0082 are due July 3. Arguments in the Enbridge Gas distribution case EB-2018-0305 are due July 4. Comments on the Draft Rate order of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie EB-2018-0218 are also due July 5. VECC is a party in all these proceedings.

The convergence of Board requirements and during the Canada Day holiday week make it difficult to meet all the existing deadlines as well as those recently set for the Kitchener-Wilmot EB-2019-0049 proceeding. We are therefore asking for a modest adjustment to its Procedural Order which we believe will not impact overall timelines for this Application. We have made this request at our first opportunity.

We would ask that the Board revise the requirement for filing interrogatories to July 10, 2019. To provide the Applicant with the same number of days for response we would suggest moving the current date of July 25 to July 31. All other subsequent dates could remain unchanged. For greater clarity, this request should not affect the Board's proposed deadline of tomorrow for comments on Kitchener-Wilmot's confidentiality claims.

We submit that the modest schedule change will not seriously prejudice the Applicant. We have discussed this proposed change with other intervenors and we believe it is not a significant burden to any other party to the proceeding.

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Yours truly,

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