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BY COURIER

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

<u>Re: EB-2018-0325 - Update on Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("Remotes") Licence</u> <u>Amendment to Include the Community of Pikangikum in its Service Territory</u>

Dear Ms. Walli:

The community of Pikangikum was connected to the greater Ontario electrical grid in December of 2018. Driven by an emergency situation within the community's electrical system, Hydro One Remotes has been providing reduced services until such time as the conditions precedent outlined in the transfer agreement are met.

Unfortunately, the conditions precedent outlined in the asset transfer agreement still remain incomplete as the project partners have been challenged to meet the readiness conditions. Pikangikum has been evacuated twice due to forest fires, causing even further delays in the transfer process. It is expected the current extension period and its related conditions as previously described will remain in place, until the conditions are met.

In cooperation with its partners, completion of these necessary capital work requirements is now expected late July. Hydro One Remotes expects to be in a position to fully serve and begin to bill its new Pikangikum customers accurately in mid August at the earliest, assuming the remaining readiness issues are resolved and the forest fires are under control. Hydro One Remotes will inform the Board once a final date is confirmed.



Hydro One Remotes remains committed to working with the community of Pikangikum and its partners on the full transfer of service. Remotes is also committed to providing the Ontario Energy Board appropriate notice should any condition materially change.

Sincerely,

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