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July 29, 2019

Ms. Joanne Richardson
Director, Major Projects and Partnerships
Hydro One Networks Inc.
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. Stations Upgrades for East-West Tie Project

On December 20, 2018, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) received approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to upgrade existing transmission stations associated with Upper Canada Transmission Inc.'s, operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge), East-West Tie Project to construct a new 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Wawa and Thunder Bay (Hydro One-Stations Upgrades Project)¹. The Hydro One-Stations Upgrades Project will involve upgrades to the Wawa Transmission Station, Marathon Transmission Station, and Lakehead Transmission Station.

The Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines issued a directive on January 30, 2019 to the OEB that required, among other things, that NextBridge's licence be amended to require that NextBridge provide such reporting to the OEB and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) as the OEB and the IESO may consider appropriate with respect to the progress, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of the East-West Tie Project. By letter dated July 29, 2019, the OEB has issued reporting requirements to NextBridge for its East-West Tie Project. These reporting requirements have been copied to Hydro One and posted on the OEB's regulatory webdrawer.

¹ OEB Decision and Order EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194/EB-2017-0364, dated December 20, 2018.

Recognizing the need for coordination between NextBridge and Hydro One in order to bring the East-West Tie Project into service in a timely and efficient manner, the OEB will also require reporting from Hydro One with respect to the Hydro One-Stations Upgrades Project.

The purpose of this letter is to set out the reporting requirements that the OEB is requiring Hydro One to provide under section 13.1 of its transmission licence in order to monitor the progress of the Hydro One-Stations Upgrades Project.

The detailed reporting requirements and timing of filing those reports are set out in the attachment to this letter. In determining these reporting requirements, consideration was given to the information, format, content and level of detail to be reported by NextBridge on the East-West Tie Project. The first report is required to be filed by Hydro One by **August 30, 2019** for the period ending May 2019.

Hydro One is required to file the reports through the OEB's web portal at <http://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/services/> quoting file number **EB-2017-0194**, and a copy of the reports should be sent to the individuals cc'd below. The reports will be posted to the OEB's regulatory webdrawer under the EB-2017-0194 file number.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Zora Crnojacki, at 416-440-8104 or Zora.Crnojack@oeb.ca.

Regards,

Original signed by

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cc: Devon Huber, Sr. Manager, Regulatory Affairs, IESO
Jennifer Tidmarsh, Project Director, NextBridge Infrastructure, LP

Attachment: Hydro One Networks Inc. Stations Upgrades for East-West Tie
Project: Reporting Requirements for Progress Reports