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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
Application for 2020-2022 Transmission Revenue Requirement
Request for Extension to Filing of Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics
Group Research LLC (PEG)
Board File Number: EB-2019-0082**

In Procedural Order No. 1, issued May 30, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) made provision for the filing of expert evidence by August 22, 2019. Provision was also made for deadline for filing interrogatories on the expert evidence and for filing responses to those interrogatories on September 5, 2019 and September 19, 2019 respectively.¹ The OEB's Decision on the Filing of Expert Evidence, issued July 19, 2019, maintained those dates.

As noted in OEB's staff's letter of July 9, 2019, "the evidence that PEG will prepare and testify to will be an update of the evidence which PEG prepared and filed during the recent application for Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP's 2019-2026 revenue cap plan in EB-2018-0218, and which the OEB has adopted as part of the evidence in the current proceeding, pursuant to its letter of June 28, 2019." While PEG's evidence uses the evidence filed in the Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie case as a starting point, it will also update it and deal with other issues that have arisen in other recent cases for Hydro One distribution² and a current Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited,³ and which OEB staff and PEG believe are also pertinent to Hydro One transmission's application.

PEG, along with OEB staff, sought certain additional and clarifying information on Power Systems Engineering, Inc.'s evidence through interrogatories. In one

¹ EB-2019-0082, Procedural Order No. 1, May 30, 2019, p. 5

² EB-2017-0049

³ EB-2018-0165

interrogatory, PEG sought certain account level data from Hydro One in order to improve the quality of its analysis and evidence, through improving the comparability of Hydro One's data with that reported of the U.S. transmission utilities. Hydro One's response stated that "Hydro One is in the process of determining what information is available for all years of the study and will provide such information when available."⁴

OEB staff and staff from PEG followed up on this during the Technical Conference.⁵ Hydro One filed the available information on August 19, 2019 in accordance with Undertaking JT2.36. While OEB staff appreciates Hydro One's efforts, this information is available only a few days before PEG is to file its evidence. PEG needs to be able to review the information provided, and to decide how this information can be integrated into its analyses to improve the comparability of the data and the quality of its evidence.

In order to properly incorporate the additional information into its evidence, OEB staff requests an extension of two (2) weeks for the filing of PEG's evidence and to prepare the working papers to be filed 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 **September 5, 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 **September 19, 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 **October 3, 2019**.

OEB staff submits that these extensions should not materially or adversely impact the processing of Hydro One's application, based on the schedule as currently established in Procedural Order No. 1.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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cc: All registered parties to EB-2019-0082

⁴ Exhibit I/Tab 1/Schedule 12 (Staff-12), p. 2

⁵ Technical Conference, Tr. Vol. 2 (August 13, 2019), p. 147/l. 10 to p. 151/l. 15