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October 2, 2019

Christine Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: **Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)**
Application for 2020-2022 Electricity Transmission Rates
Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC
Board File Number: EB-2019-0082

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 3 issued by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 21, 2019, OEB staff is due to file the responses to interrogatories posed to OEB staff's consultant, Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG), on PEG's evidence filed as Exhibit M1.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), on behalf of its consultant, Power Systems Engineering, Inc. (PSE) filed interrogatories on September 19, 2019, as did several intervenors. In addition, Hydro One advised the OEB and parties that it intended to file additional interrogatories upon receipt of PEG's "working papers", and it did so on September 25, 2019.

PEG is working to respond to the numerous interrogatories received on its evidence, OEB staff expects to file interrogatory responses to many interrogatories from intervenors and from Hydro One by October 3, 2019. However, a number of the interrogatories are extensive and the work requested is significant. Combined with the receipt of the additional interrogatories from Hydro One received on September 25, 2019, OEB staff requests that PEG be allowed to respond to any outstanding interrogatory responses by October 9, 2019 (i.e., 14 days after the September 25, 2019 filing of the last interrogatories).

OEB staff submits that this extension would not interfere with schedule for the oral hearing or prejudice parties with respect to preparation for the oral hearing, as PEG is expected to testify later in the schedule.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Project Advisor, Electricity Distribution: Major Rate Applications and Consolidations

cc: All registered parties to EB-2019-0082