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To: All Parties in EB-2019-0082

Re: Ontario Energy Board Staff Request for Partial Interrogatory Filing Date Extension

On August 21, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued Procedural Order Number 3 (PO No. 3) in this proceeding, which stated in part that intervenors and OEB staff that filed evidence were to file with the OEB complete written responses to interrogatories arising from this evidence by October 3, 2019.

On September 19, 2019, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), on behalf of its consultant, Power Systems Engineering, Inc. (PSE), filed interrogatories on the evidence of OEB staff's consultant, Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) 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.

On October 2, 2019, OEB staff filed a letter with the OEB noting that while PEG was working to respond to the numerous interrogatories received on its evidence, and OEB staff expected to file responses to many interrogatories by the deadline of October 3, 2019, a number of the interrogatories made extensive requests and the work required to meet these requests is significant. In addition, OEB staff noted that PEG also had to respond to the additional interrogatories from Hydro One received on September 25, 2019.

Accordingly, OEB staff requested that PEG be allowed to respond to any outstanding interrogatories by October 9, 2019.

OEB staff submitted that this requested extension should not interfere with the 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 hearing.

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The OEB grants OEB staff's request given the circumstances outlined by OEB staff. PEG shall respond to any outstanding interrogatories by October 9, 2019. All other dates established in PO No. 3 remain unchanged.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar